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Push Curb on State Cops
SACRAMENTO—The Assembly labor and capital committee is pushing the Rosenthal bill to stop use of state highway police against workers on strike.

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LABOR BACKING WINS IN STOCKTON CANNERIES

AFL COUNCILS HOLD 3 MAY DAY MEETINGS

9 California Cities to Celebrate on May First

More than 50 years of struggle, starting with the May Day, 1886, strike for the eight-hour day in the United States, will be commemorated on next Saturday, May Day, 1937, in demonstrations and mass meetings throughout the country and in nine cities in California. The California meetings, three sponsored by AFL Central Labor Councils, are scheduled as follows:

LOS ANGELES—Plaza demonstration Saturday, 1 p. m., by United May Day Committee, including Workers' Alliance, trade unions, International Workers' Order, and Communist Party. Tentative speakers are Herbert Benjamin, national leader of Workers' Alliance; Lou Baron, Furriers' Union president; and Paul Cline, L. A. Communist Party organizer.

SAN FRANCISCO—Communist Party demonstration, 1:30 p. m., Civic Center, with Frank Spector, C. P. county organizer, as main speaker. Trade Union May Day Committee mass meeting, 8 p. m., Eagles Hall, with Frank Dixon, Mechanists' Union, and C. Lucia, W. Denton, and Stockton Agricultural Union leaders invited and with "Company Union Gets the Gate," play by Theater Union, and Pianist Mariam Krimoff, admission free—15 unions in support, including three ILGWU locals, Cap Makers, Miscellaneous Union 110, Cooks 44, Cleaners & Dyers, Cannery & Preserve Workers, Warehousemen, ILA 38-79, Laborers 261, United Textile Workers, Furriers, etc.

MARTINEZ—Contra Costa County Central Labor Council meeting at Labor Temple Saturday, 8 p. m.; this meeting was incorrectly reported to be scheduled for Richmond on Friday night, in the last issue.

OAKLAND—Demonstration Saturday, 2 p. m., Chabot Park, 11th and Jefferson Sts., auspices Joint May Day Committee, including Finnish Federation, Workers' Alliance, Communist Party, Philosophers' Club. Trade union mass meeting, 8 p. m., Carpenters' Hall, auspices conference called by Tunnel, Aqueduct & Subway Workers' Local 52.

SANTA BARBARA—Communist Party demonstration, Saturday, 8 p. m., at the Santa Barbara County Jail.

FR. O'FLANAGAN HERE FOR SPAIN

NEW YORK—While Knights of Columbus officials, not speaking for their membership, began an anti-red campaign and attack against the Spanish government, Father Michael O'Flanagan, fighter for Irish freedom, has arrived in New York to speak in America on behalf of the Spanish government.

Father O'Flanagan is well-known from coast to coast. He has been in the thick of the fight for an Irish republic.

\$1,300 for Lincoln Brigade at L. A. Meet

LOS ANGELES—More than 1200 persons packed the Figueroa Playhouse last Saturday evening, April 24, in support of the courageous Americans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade fighting with the Spanish People against the Hitler-Mussolini-Franco fascist invasion.

Presented under the auspices of the Committee of Friends and Relatives of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, the evening's program featured Mike Gold, noted proletarian writer, as chairman; Paul Cline, county organizer of the Communist Party; Guillermo Arco, guitarist; Florence Gordon, dancer, and an improvisation by a Contemporary Theater group.

In a collection taken to buy newspapers, cigarettes, socks, and chocolate for the men of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, close to \$1300 was raised. Speaking of the present struggle in Spain as one for democracy and freedom, Paul Cline characterized it as "the most decisive struggle in the world since that time twenty years ago when the workers' government in Russia was established."

Big Agricultural Drive Is Mapped

Bakersfield Meet Launches Cannery and Agricultural Federation

The Federation of Cannery and Agricultural Workers has been launched!

Meeting in the Kern County Labor Temple, Bakersfield last Sunday, 24 elected and five fraternal delegates, representing 15,000 organized cannery and agricultural workers of California, elected their officials and executive board, and mapped out the drive to bring under the banner of unionism the 250,000 agricultural and allied workers of this state.

SACRAMENTO TO SAN DIEGO—AFL and independent unions from Sacramento to San Diego were represented at the conference. Delegates came from Stockton, scene of the bitter cannery strike, Sacramento, Fresno, Monterey, Salinas, Orange County, Kern County, Modesto, Los Angeles County, San Diego, San Luis Obispo County, scene of the recent pea pickers' strike, from San Jose, the Pittsburg Fish Cannery Workers, Alaska Cannery Workers, the Alameda County Cannery Workers, the San Pedro Fish Cannery Workers, etc.

The Federation set up will consist of one delegate from every possible cannery, agricultural, vegetable, fruit and nut packing local in the state.

Among those on the executive board of six elected at Bakersfield, are Megan (Stockton), Marcella Ryan (Oakland) Lucero (CUCOM, independent Mexican field union of L. A. County), C. D. Mensalves of the Filipino Labor Union.

Lloyd Lehman of the San Jose (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Sacto. Labor Hits Buck on Court
LOS ANGELES—A further recommendation from the Joint Executive Board, asking organized labor to reaffirm its support of President Roosevelt's proposed Supreme Court changes, was unanimously adopted by the Labor Council.

SACRAMENTO—On motion of President Marsh, the Sacramento Trades and Labor Council has condemned Congressman Buck for "passing the buck" on the Supreme Court issue. Sacramento labor is fully behind the plan for reform of the Supreme Court.

Through its Promotional Committee for Progressive Labor Action Sacramento labor has taken a long step toward independent political action.

DISEASE IN FRESNO JAIL IS SPREADING
FRESNO—So fast is an outbreak of scarlet fever spreading in the rotten, 50-year-old Fresno county prison that county officials talked of erecting a stockade guarded by machine guns on the fair grounds, for the prisoners not yet affected. The badly-crowded prison has been condemned by officials many times.

ANGELO HERNDON
members to the Communist Party as a crime. In fact, the majority opinion held that to regard this as a crime is an invasion of freedom of speech.

For California, the decision is held as weakening the reactionary stand on the Criminal Syndicalism law, just as the recent Supreme Court decision on Dirk De Jonge of Oregon, did. Mass pressure forced the hand of the high court, close as its decision was.

Elliott Scored in Tulare Falsehood
TULARE—Desperate over his inability to count on the labor vote, Alfred J. Elliott, opposed for Congress by a write-in vote for Al Sessions, is accused of having falsely claimed endorsement by Tulare labor organizations.

Detailed investigation, it is said, reveals that the Visalia Building Trades Council did not endorse Elliott, as the latter claims. The Carpenters Union repudiated Elliott. "Merriam Democrats" are said to be behind the falsities.

HERNDON FREE, DECISION BLOW AT C. S. ACT
C. P. Membership Held No Crime by Supreme Court
WASHINGTON—Angelo Herndon, young Negro Communist and unemployed leader, is free. The U. S. Supreme Court overruled on Monday, by 5 to 4, the 20-year chain gang sentence imposed on Herndon under the Georgia "slave insurrection" law. Great numbers of local unions, many state federations and the 1935 and 1936 AFL conventions had condemned the Herndon sentence.

The decision meant that the Supreme Court does not deem membership in or recruitment of

WARNED TO SURRENDER
A warning was issued to the 3000 stranded fascist soldiers in University City to surrender, with the threat of annihilation if they fail to do so. To cover up their inability to break the siege of the stranded soldiers, the fascists continued their artillery barrage which destroyed buildings and killed civilians in Madrid streets.

CIO STARTS STEEL UNION IN SACTO.
SACRAMENTO—Great progress in CIO organization of the Continental Can Workers is reported here by Patrick Lyndon, CIO organizer. A provisional Amalgamated steel local has been set up, following a meeting of 300 workers. The CIO is also organizing P. G. & E., Western Union and Postal Telegraph outside employees.

YUBA FRAME TRIAL BEGINS
MARYSVILLE, Yuba County—The attempted frame-up of two Teamsters' officials, J. A. Landermann and T. F. Rose, has begun here with selection of a jury under way. They are charged with assault on a non-union truck driver named Douglas.

THE CIRCULATION DRIVE
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BASQUES PLAN MOVE AGAINST FASCIST SIEGE

Government Gaining On Main Fronts Of Battle

MADRID—Loyalist forces throughout the Basque region prepared for a counter-attack to offset advances made by a concentration of fascist troops under De Mola in the siege of Bilbao.

The region, isolated from the remainder of Loyalist Spain except by sea, was the only area in which the fascist troops were making advances. A huge concentration of German planes was being used to bomb Bilbao. The Basque government also charged that among the Italian troops were some 1500 soldiers out of the regular Italian army.

FASCIST RIFT
Loyalists made headway or held every inch of previously conquered territory on all other fronts, including Madrid, Teruel, and the Southern front in Cordoba Province.

A new and serious rift was reported in fascist ranks as General Queipo de Llano was reported to have refused to relinquish his command and return to Morocco as ordered by General Francisco Franco. The orders were said to have been issued a month ago, following the defeat of troops commanded by de Llano at Pozoblanco. De Llano, in turn, refused to relinquish command and further demanded withdrawal of the order as a condition for carrying out a plan to merge the Carlist and Falangist troops under his command.

VETS FOR END OF C. S. LAW
McCardell Repudiated by VFW Leader
While Harold D. McCardell of Sacramento told a committee of the State Assembly on April 20 that the Veterans of Foreign Wars were opposed to repeal of the criminal syndicalism act, that organization was officially on record as favoring repeal.

VETS FOR REPEAL
This is the change made by the California Conference for Repeal. McCardell, introduced as a past commander of the Veterans, was "never heard of" by State Departmental Adjutant Gavin, with headquarters in the Veterans' Memorial Building in San Francisco.

"He has no right to speak for the Veterans of Foreign Wars," said Gavin.

The veterans are now officially on record as supporting repeal of the criminal syndicalism act. The action was taken at the Veterans' Encampment in Bakersfield in 1935 and has never been rescinded, said Gavin.

PARKER DAM STAYS TIED UP IN STRIKE
PARKER DAM—Led by the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Worker Union, 1100 Parker Dam employees remain solid in their strike for union recognition and a \$1 a day increase in pay. Negotiations were on between the CIO and contractors.

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sections within a certain territory south of San Francisco (can it be Los?) are challenging each other in the Western Worker Sub Drive.

"Them's Fightin' Words!" "Now we don't want to cast aspersions or innuendoes (how's that, brother waterfronters?) but it looks like a case of

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FORD BOWS TO CIO UNION IN CONTRACOSTA

Virtual Recognition Follows 12-Hour Sit-down Strike

RICHMOND, Contra Costa County—Henry Ford has proven to be just another employer to the CIO United Automobile Workers' Union here.

It took a 12-hour sit-down strike late last week, in the plant employing 1800 workers, to make the Ford Co. talk turkey.

Under terms of settlement, announced by UAW vice-president Ed Hall, there will be no discrimination for union activity; seniority rights will be fully respected; all grievances will be adjusted by negotiations of the company with a committee of 12 CIO union men.

According to Hall, the settlement absolutely constitutes recognition of the United Automobile Workers Union. It thus repudiated for a California UAW local to break the ice in this respect in the powerful Ford Motor Co.

The night shift resumed work Monday; the day shift Tuesday.

LIFT E. BAY CHARTER; STRIKEBREAKING ACT
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Los Angeles Opens the Sub Drive



PAUL CLINE (left), Communist Party county organizer, turns in the first one-year Western Worker sub to George Shaffer, county drive director. The sub was from an aircraft worker.

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COLUSA W.P.A. WORKERS SET UP ALLIANCE
COLUSA (Colusa County)—A local unit of the Workers' Alliance has been organized by WPA workers here. Efforts to obtain a hall or church for a meeting were unavailing, so the workers had to meet in the home of the employees.

MARTINEZ MAY 1 MEET
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STOCKTON STRIKE IS SUCCESSFUL

Cannery Workers' Courage Brings Recognition

STOCKTON—The Stockton cannery strike has been settled—with recognition of the Cannery Workers' Union of Stockton and rehiring of all strikers.

The union will elect officers and negotiating representatives within five days after its AFL charter is received.

UNIONS TO MERGE
The Modesto Cannery Workers' Union, which had tried to claim the right to represent the Stockton workers, has agreed to merge with the Stockton union.

The settlement came after a conference Monday night in Governor Merriam's office at Sacramento. Speaking for the union were State Federation president Hopkins and secretary Vandeleur, Walter Mahaffey, president and Robert Fitzgerald, vice-president of the San Joaquin County Labor Council, Robert Ennis, president of the Sacramento Labor Council, and Dudley Sargent, acting president of the Stockton Cannery Workers.

The settlement comes as a result of the determined courage of the strikers in last Friday's battle at Stockton Food Products, where hundreds of armed vigilantes, state highway police and thugs attacked the strike pickets, meeting with the stiffest resistance from the workers.

Support of organized labor, coming from San Francisco, Contra Costa, Sacramento and other Labor Councils and numerous locals served to add to the strikers' determination.

R. R. Workers Win Placer Strike
ROSEVILLE, Placer County—Southern Pacific railroad employees struck here, tying up passenger train No. 28 and two freight trains. In fact, the entire yard was at a standstill until the men's terms were met.

The daily press failed to print a line about the strike.

SCATHE BIGGAR BILL IN SALINAS COUNCIL
SALINAS—Organized labor of Salinas is vigorously opposed to the Biggar anti-strike and Industrial Court Bill, which has been passed by the state senate and is before the Assembly.

The Salinas Central Labor Council has unanimously gone on record against the anti-labor bill.

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VIGILANTES, ENCOURAGED BY AUTHORITIES, GROW BOLDER IN MANY AGRICULTURE AREAS

In Modesto They Are Allowed to Meet in Junior College Auditorium; Demands to Dissolve Them Are Necessary

The encouragement of the Stockton vigilante army of 1000 by the San Joaquin authorities has emboldened vigilantes in other agricultural areas in the past few days.

Modesto business men and big farmers around that city have announced the organization of a "citizens' committee to help the

R. B. WATSON IS CONDEMNED

AFL Organizer Subject of Wire to Green

SAN FRANCISCO—Roland B. Watson, AFL organizer for California, was put on the spot and received a severe tongue-lashing at the San Francisco Central Labor Council last Friday, for threatening to organize and charter new locals without consulting the Council.

A Company Outfit

The Watson threat followed a report by the organizing board, which reversed its previous position, recommending this time that the application for a federal Sugar Workers' charter in the Western Sugar Co. be held in abeyance.

The Warehousemen's Union had proven that it has 575 out of 650 of the employees in the plant, and that the Federal charter was being sought by a group of company people, superintendents, foremen and the like, to fight the Warehousemen's Union.

After the Council had concurred in this opinion, Watson demanded the floor and made his threat.

Under new business, Andrew Gallagher of the Photo Engravers' moved that William Green be informed of the threat, and be asked to instruct Watson, if the latter does not retract, to bring any questions of granting charters into the Council. This was adopted almost unanimously.

The Western Sugar Co. is refusing to negotiate with the Warehousemen, and strike action is possible.

Candidates Talk In Berkeley

BERKELEY—All candidates in the May 4 city election are invited to speak here at a public meeting Thursday, April 29, 8 p. m., in Washington School, Bancroft Way and Grove St.

Public election interest heightened since last Friday night when Richard S. Ludlow and Dr. Franklin E. Bissell Jr., Communist candidate for city council and school board respectively, addressed a Communist Party mass meeting in the Berkeley City Council chambers.

Council incumbents seeking re-election are Frank S. Gaines, Calco Culvert Co. executive; Mrs. Benita A. Herriek, club woman; Walter Mork, sheet metal contractor; and Mr. A. Porter, local estate agent. There are being widely opposed by progressives.

Labor Backs Mrs. Thompson. Opposing them are Ludlow, John Bellante, contractor; Herbert G. Hollis, radio dealer; and Mrs. Leila L. Thompson, teacher and member of Bay Cities Federation of Teachers.

Chief of labor and progressive groups centers on Mrs. Thompson, whose platform is 100 per cent for labor. Mrs. Thompson is endorsed by her own union and a number of other unions which have been most active recently in organizing workers who live and work in Berkeley, including Cannery Workers' Union, Federal Labor Union, Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct Workers' Union. The Berkeley Taxpayers' League also supports her, with many progressive members of the University of California faculty.

BIG UTW TRIUMPH

NEW YORK—A one-year contract with the United Textile Workers, signed by the giant Escose Rayon Co., marked the first big CIO success in the drive in textiles.

A CIO VICTORY

AMSTERDAM, N. Y. — The Bigelow-Stanford Carpet Co., with 4000 employees, has signed with the CIO Textile Workers' Organizing Committee.

THE UNIONS ARE SOLD DOWN THE RIVER IN NAPA

Reactionary Labor Officials Accept Anti-Picket Law

NAPA—Because certain labor officials were willing to sell labor down the river for a promise, the Napa County anti-picketing ordinance has been adopted by the Supervisors and will go into effect June 24. As a result of the explanation by District Attorney Lernhart

Meet in Junior College

The vigilantes have been allowed to meet freely in the junior college auditorium.

There are no strikes in Modesto at present.

Mayor Dutton of Colusa, in the county of the same name, issued a "warning" to agricultural unions to stay out of that town.

In San Jose the Associated Farmers are attempting to induce the Supervisors to grant Sheriff Lyle more tear gas, arms and deputies against agricultural unions.

An anti-picketing ordinance, similar to the law now in effect in San Joaquin, has been introduced into the Lodi city council. An intensified drive to organize wineries is going on in Lodi.

In Sacramento

In Sacramento Sheriff Cox has deputized 25 deputies as a starter, against the unions there.

Organized labor in these localities is reacting as did labor in Stockton, determined to see to it that armed vigilantes are demobilized.

All progressive people should demand disbandment of the deputies, sending letters and wires to the sheriffs and Boards of Supervisors in the above-mentioned localities.

SF Waterfront in Challenge to L.A.

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picking on "pushovers" within the same family.

"Far be it from us to butt in on any of these little two-bit family arguments, but just in case any of said sections are looking for some real competition—"

"Of course, the Frisco Waterfront Section realizes full well that our comrades in the southern city may have developed an inferiority complex as a result of the awful shelling they took in the last two (or was it three?) Party campaigns."

"Well, to get down to cases, we're tossing a challenge into the southern city's lap. We'll tackle any section in a finish march to a decision, no holds barred, to see who fills over and above their quota during the drive."

"All sections with daring enough may mail their timid acceptance to the Western Worker. And just to encourage you guys down there, we'll agree to kind of pull our punches a little and give you a sporting chance."

"Comradely, Waterfront Section, Communist Party, San Francisco."

"Do we hear spirited acceptance of this challenge? Or is that rumbling below the Tehachapi just another Los Angeles earthquake?"

Amalgamated Hits Acts of United

LOS ANGELES—Charging the United Garment Workers with scabbing and of betraying its recently won strike against Rosenblum's clothing factory, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union, in a communication to the Council, called upon the Council to take action against the Garment Workers for what was termed "legalized scabbing."

According to the communication from the Amalgamated Clothing workers, after the Amalgamated had ended the strike against Rosenblum's and had signed an agreement, the United Garment Workers stepped in, organized the scabs, and signed an agreement with Rosenblum that made the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' agreement practically void.

On the basis that it might involve jurisdictional matters, and because it was late in the evening, Chairman Sherman ruled that it should be referred to the Executive Committee.

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BEAT FASCIST



PREMIER Paul Van Zeeland of Belgium who was overwhelmingly elected for parliamentary seat, decisively defeating Leon De Grelle, fascist leader. It was an expression in sharp tones of hatred for fascism by the Belgian people.

CAL. STUDENTS DEMAND PEACE

30,000 Participated On Peace Day

More than 30,000 students in California colleges and high schools held peace demonstrations on April 22 under the banner of the United States Peace Committee in observance of Peace Day.

In the men's gymnasium at Berkeley 5500 students gathered, the largest demonstration. At Stanford 1800 students participated.

At the University of California at Los Angeles more than 2000 students participated in a demonstration, and at the University of California at San Diego, 1000 students participated.

"Off Campus"

Refusal of the college administration to grant permission to the students to conduct a student-controlled meeting led to the off-campus strike. Its effectiveness was seen in the complete fiasco of the administration-controlled meeting, where only 44 students showed up and the meeting was discontinued.

Four high schools in Los Angeles and one in Oakland held organized demonstrations. Three of those in L. A. were in the school auditoriums, student-conducted.

Student Controlled Four student speakers addressed the University of California meeting.

Meetings were also held at Los Angeles and San Francisco Junior Colleges, and in numerous other junior colleges and schools.

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SAN BERNARDINO—Communist Party mass meeting Lincoln Hall, 925 Third St., 7:30 p. m., with Jack Moore, San Pedro, as speaker, and a Spanish speaker.

SAN DIEGO—Communist Party meeting, 8 p. m., Fraternal Hall, 1322 Fifth St., speaker, Lawrence Ross; admission free.

SAN JOSE—May Day mass meeting by Santa Clara County Central Labor Council.

MONTEREY—May Day mass meeting by Monterey Central Labor Council.

'Free Speech' Only For Colusa Bosses

COLUSA, Colusa County—Despite the fact that every possible legal has been denied them, the Agricultural Workers Union is going right ahead bent on full organization of the agricultural workers of this area.

All local meeting place and church annexes were denied the union, which sought to hold a meeting last week, although all these places are open to the employers and vigilante groups.

SELL ILL FLOWERS MAY DAY!

Girls and young women are needed by the International Labor Defense to sell flowers for labor prisoners on May Day, Elaine Black, ILLD organizer in San Francisco announced Monday. All volunteers for this work are asked to report at the ILLD office, 1005 Market Street, all week.

Mill Labor Backs Peoples' Lobby

OAKLAND—The United Textile Workers of Oakland have endorsed the California People's Legislative Conference, supporting it morally and financially and recommending that all unions do likewise.

The Textile Workers urge each and all of its members to join local Assembly District Clubs of the People's Conference.

COAST MARINE FEDERATION SET FOR MEET

Progressive Steps Precede Portland Coast Parley

Developments that bode well for settlement of important maritime problems at the Maritime Federation in June, in Portland include:

The Marine Cooks in San Francisco have voted, in connection with the Harpoon-Windbrush incidents, to reaffirm the decisions to acknowledge only instructions from the East Coast rank and file district committees on East Coast questions.

In the Pedro Council The San Pedro Council of the Federation has voted to call on each affiliated group to instruct its delegates to the convention to advance a program to put the Federation on an industrial basis.

The Bay Area Council has recommended:

1. Recommending that the Federation send representatives to Washington, D.C., to demand laws providing that no more than two men may be quartered in one room on a ship, that hot and cold water be provided on all ships, and that no crew quarters be directly over boilers or the engine room.

2. Condemning the Vandeleur-controlled State Federation of Labor executive council for its refusal to allow rank and file organization of California agricultural workers.

3. Condemning the Sheppard-Hill bill in Congress, calling for conscription of labor the next time American capitalists force the United States into war.

4. Condemning State Senate Bill No. 11, which outlaws strikes and picketing and is intended to destroy unions in California.

5. Condemning State Senate Bill No. 166, which would outlaw sitdown strikes, sympathy strikes and picketing and would allow a state board to set up company unions in every industry.

Anti-Picket Plan Fought, Glendale

GLENDAL, Los Angeles County—Organized labor of Glendale is fighting to stop a proposed anti-picketing ordinance which comes up for final disposition in the city council this Thursday.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilman Goss at the request of L.H. Myer, secretary-manager of the Chamber of Commerce, and L.H. Wilson of the Real Estate Board.

Charles H. Pettit, speaking for the unions, said, "Employers are not picketed unless such picketing is desired. I don't believe the city government should hinder workers from improving their condition."

Benjamin Speaks In S.F. Wednesday

SAN FRANCISCO—Plans for a permanent program for the WPA and direct relief soon to be considered by Congress, will be explained at a public meeting in Building Trades Temple, Fourteenth and Guerrero Streets, Tuesday night by Herbert Benjamin who is on a national tour.

Benjamin is national organizer for the Workers Alliance, recognized bargaining agency of the WPA and the unemployed throughout the country.

Pacific Freight Co. Violates Labor Act

LOS ANGELES—Charges of violation of the Wagner Labor Relations Act have been made against the Pacific Freight Lines company in a complaint filed with the National Labor Relations Board by the "Transporters' Union, Lee Guyer, Teachers' Union, and E. Reed, Studio Painters Local 644.

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JOE CASEY IN PLAN TO GRAB CANNERS NOW

Cannery Bosses in Hearty Approval Of Scheme

OAKLAND—Joe Casey, former state organizer for the AFL who walked into the authority of Teamsters Local 70 via the Bill Green-Dan Tobin bureaucracy route, has carried the union-wrecking a step beyond the international's claim on warehousemen, and now has informed cannery employers that the Teamsters will organize cannery workers too.

A Mystery How cannery workers come under a Teamsters jurisdiction is a mystery to everyone but reactionary Teamsters officials and cannery company heads, who expressed approval of Casey's plan.

Vice-President Eames of Cal-Pack, against whose plants warehousemen and Cannery Workers Union members are striking, stated, "It can be safely said that there is no great enmity between the Casey group and the cannery."

Right you are, Mr. Eames.

Big Agricultural Drive is Mapped

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Cannery Workers were elected secretary, and George Wolf of the Alaska Cannery Workers president of the Federation.

Two organizers will go into the field immediately. Very shortly the executive board will meet to launch the actual organization drive.

Central offices will be set up in San Francisco.

Financing Drive A 10 cents per capita tax was decided on to help finance the organization drive. All Labor Councils will be asked to aid financially.

The conference condemned the "United Field Worker," published in Los Angeles, for its attack on Walter Mahaffey of the Stockton Central Labor Council, and for its high praise of "Pedro Pete" Peterson, discredited ILO official, placed in as agricultural organizer by Walter Cowan.

A telegram to this effect was sent the state federation of labor. Bernardo Lucero stated that the editorial board of the paper did not know that such an attack was to be printed, and that the April 15 issue in which it appeared was gotten out by Fred West and Cowan.

Lucero reported that West and Peterson are meeting with a poor reception by southern California agricultural workers.

Hit L.A. Council's Dodging on Mayor

LOS ANGELES—Over the stormy protest of a score of delegates, the Central Labor Council last Friday, April 23, voted 85 to 60 to concur in a Joint Executive Board report recommending that organized labor make no endorsement in the Municipal elections mayoralty race.

Further recommendations in the Joint Executive Board report that were adopted by the Council were the endorsements of James Hyde, incumbent Councilman for District No. 2; Ida May Adams, for Municipal Judge, Office No. 5; Jack Y. Berman, 9th Councilmanic district; and John Dalton and C. W. Pierce for the Board of Education.

Propositions 1 and 2 were endorsed by the Council with proposition Number 3 to be referred to the legislative committee for final action. Proposition A, which calls for a 5-cent municipal bus system, also received the Labor Council's backing.

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Summer Camp For Maritime Kids In S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO—Children of San Francisco maritime workers will have a summer camp all of their own this year.

The camp is on property next to the Morgan Hill Unity Camp, about 75 miles south of this city. Announcement of the camp is made by George Walsh, director of the Maritime Federation Junior Union.

The boys will go to the camp in shifts of 100, alternating with groups of 100 girls.

Glendale, Fernando Labor Out for Ford

Labor Councils There Announce Support To Candidate Against Mayor Shaw

LOS ANGELES—Adding to the already long list of labor organizations that have endorsed John Anson Ford, candidate for Mayor, the Glendale and San Fernando Valley Labor Council have given support to him. Ford campaign headquarters announce.

Meanwhile, reports indicate that the campaign to elect the progressive candidate to the office of Mayor, against the reactionary incumbent, Frank L. Shaw, is making strong headway among the people of Los Angeles with progressive and democratic forces in the city rallying about the Ford campaign.

In addition to the trade union endorsements, Ford has been endorsed by many liberal and progressive groups including the Co-ordinating Council of Progressive Groups, the End Poverty League, the Municipal League, and the Civic Leaders' Club. The County Democratic Central Committee, at its last meeting, reaffirmed its belief in the ability, honesty, and party integrity of John Anson Ford.

ASK PROBE OF 'FIELD WORKER'

S.F. Council Hears of Slandering Attack

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco Central Labor Council voted last Friday to request the State Federation of Labor executive board to investigate the "United Field Worker," a sheet published in Los Angeles, ostensibly for the purpose of aiding organization of agriculture, but in reality slandering recognized progressive California union leaders.

The vote was taken on request of Harry Bridges, who pointed out that the April 15 issue of the sheet contained a slanderous attack on Roy Mahaffey, president of the San Joaquin Labor Council, and a leader in the cannery strike in Stockton. Mahaffey was called a "union splitter" in the sheet, which is controlled by Trotskyites.

Praises "Pedro Pete" The sheet contained words of praise for A. H. ("Pedro Pete") Peterson, discredited ILO official, who was appointed with Fred West by Walter Cowan, a state federation organizer in agriculture.

The state federation has notified all labor councils that it has three "organizers" in the agricultural fields, and that "as soon as a sufficient number are organized," it will call a conference of the workers to draft their own constitution.

The "organizers" were hand-picked by Vandeleur and Cowan, against the expressed wishes of the state federation-sponsored agricultural conference in San Francisco, which selected an executive committee democratically.

The state federation executive board has asked for state charter on craft lines, only for field workers, while the executive committee elected by the San Francisco conference is organizing agriculture along industrial lines, taking in field workers, cannery, fruit, nut and packing vegetable workers in one state set-up.

E. Bay Teamsters Back Up Lester

OAKLAND—Steadfast in their adherence to union principles, 700 members of Teamsters Local 70 met in Odd Fellows Hall Saturday and reiterated their determination not to pass through Warehousemen and Cannery Workers' picket lines at Cal-Pack and California Conserving.

They heard Cliff Lester, local president removed by reactionary international officials, review the developments which accompanied the high-handed actions of the international officials.

The Teamsters voted to stand 100 per cent behind Lester. Telegrams of support from many unions were read—among them the United Auto, United Textile, steel workers, etc.

Hunter Fears Poll Of E. Coast Seamen

NEW YORK—Fearful of the results, the discredited old-line officials of the ISU have announced they oppose a Labor Relations Board poll on International Mercantile Marine ships, to which the company has agreed.

It is considered certain the progressive, newly elected ISU officials in East Coast unions will win.

Elections for new officials of the Eastern and Gulf Seamen's Assn. begin May 1. Emergency rank and file officials have functioned since removal of the discredited reactionaries.

25 Years Ago—1912

APRIL 28, 1912. ST. PETERSBURG—Scandal stalks in the czar's capital, as Rasputin, the Siberian Priest, works havoc in society circles.

MARCH 29, 1912. SAN FRANCISCO—The U. S. Army Transport Buford, left to pick up American refugees from Mexico's west coast, embarked 40 soldiers from the Presidio.

MARCH 30, 1912. MEXICO CITY—City authorities declare an embargo on the 30,000 rifles which have been shipped here to the American Ambassador.

MAY 1. NEW YORK—15,000 women march in suffragists' parade.

EXPELS 8 DISRUPTORS

SAN FRANCISCO—Because they were disruptors and communicated in secret with the unsavory Joseph P. Ryan, Ladies Auxiliary No. 3 of the I.L.A. has expelled eight of its members.

HONOLULU COPS TAKE ORDERS OF SHIPPERS

Labor Board Probe Brings Out Close Connections

(By a Honolulu Worker)

Our "public servant," the Honolulu Police Department, doesn't just work for the public. It also works hand in hand with Castle & Cooke, Ltd., to interfere with and defeat labor organization in Hawaii.

Members of the police department "take orders" from Randolph Savier and faithfully carry them out—orders to interfere with peaceful union activities and the freedom of Honolulu newspapermen.

Union leaders have been lured into traps set for them by members of the police department, have been arrested, third degree brawled, and man-handled by Gable's cops—because they committed the "crime of trying to organize the waterfront."

This and other interesting revelations about the struggle of workers to organize in Hawaii and the labor policies of slave employers featured hearings before the National Labor Relations Board.

Allen Testifies Called as a witness by the Board last week, Riley Allen, editor of the Star-Bulletin, testified that members of the police department had interfered with employees of the Star-Bulletin during the recent strike in their efforts to gather news.

Further evidence of police interference was given by Harry Kealoha, agent for the longshoremen's union who testified that in January, 1936, on the evening of a special meeting of the union several anonymous calls had come to the union hall 19—that there was trouble on the freighter Golden Coast.

At the request of the members Kealoha went to pier 19. As soon as he appeared on the dock several police officers appeared from behind cargo piled on the dock. One said: "This is the agitator we want."

The Police Again Kealoha was hauled to the police department and "held for investigation" for 16 hours. He was third-degree, pushed and mauled about by cops, who tried to get him to talk. No explanation was given for the arrest.

Kealoha was a native Hawaiian, a native Hawaiian, was just a "malihini agitator," Kealoha, by his testimony intimated that the anonymous phone calls and his subsequent arrest had been a "frame-up" entered into by the police and Castle & Cooke, Ltd.

Salinas Union Asks For a 1937 Pact

SALINAS—The Fruit and Vegetable Union has asked the Grower-Shippers Association to open negotiations for an agreement to cover the 1937 lettuce season, which has already begun.

The demand, said E. E. Shippee, will be made of General Manager P.M. Downing, Shippee has been addressing meeting of P & E workers in Stockton, Jackson and other localities, and response has been excellent.

CIO Demands PGE Union Recognition

SAN FRANCISCO—The CIO will this week demand recognition of the United Electrical and Radio Workers Union by the Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

The demand, said E. E. Shippee, will be made of General Manager P.M. Downing, Shippee has been addressing meeting of P & E workers in Stockton, Jackson and other localities, and response has been excellent.

CO. SURRENDERED! ST. LOUIS—Its plant held by sitdowners since March 8, the Emerson Electric Co. has agreed to recognize the CIO United Electrical Workers' Union.

CONFER WITH GREEN ATLANTA—The Central Labor Council here answered Bill Green's demand for CIO expulsion by appointing a committee to meet with him.

How Many Can You Answer?

1—By what extent has the productivity of the American worker increased since 1900, due to technological changes?

2—What union instituted the

A. G. ROGERS OUT AS SAN DIEGO EDITOR

Progressives Score In Labor Council Action

SAN DIEGO—A year and a half battle ended last Wednesday night with a victory for the progressive forces when the Board of Administration reported to the Federated Trades and Labor Council that A. G. Rogers, editor of the Labor Leader, had been removed and his place would be taken by C. H. Garrigue.

The delegates of the Federated Trades ordered Rogers fired in January 1936 when his red-baiting and open attacks on the elected officers of the Council over a period of several months had exposed him as an ally of the Chamber of Commerce and the employers.

Rogers has retained his job as editor of the Labor Leader in opposition to the wishes of 90 per cent of the local labor movement for the past 15 months by virtue of a dictatorship established by William Green over the local Council.

"Saving the Council" When the Council ordered Rogers fired in January 1936, the reactionaries, led by Stanley Gue and Ed Dowell, appealed to Green to "save the San Diego labor movement from the Communists" who were taking it over.

Green sent his stooge, AFL Pacific Coast organizer, Joe Casey, in answer to the appeal. Casey dissolved the Council and ordered it reorganized under the reactionaries whom he had appointed as temporary officers. Casey also ruled that President Steinmetz, Secretary A. C. Rogers, Daisy Lee Worcester and John Lydiak could not hold office in the reorganized Council.

The progressive unions refused to send delegates to the fake council and stood loyally by the officers they had elected until Green was forced to agree a few weeks ago that new officers could be elected with no one barred from running if they would reaffiliate to the Council.

The delegates repudiated red-baiting and the splitting tactics of Green by electing Lydiak as Secretary, Steinmetz to the executive committee, and a full slate of progressives to the other offices.

Now that Rogers is out as editor, the last stronghold of the reactionary Gue-Dowell gang has fallen before the assault of the progressives.

The New Editor

The new editor, Garrigue, has been in San Diego only a short time. Since coming here he has been working as a reporter for the San Diego Sun and has written a series of articles for that paper exposing a reactionary political machine that WPA Dictator George White had built by rewarding the faithful with jobs in the WPA. As a result of these articles the government has sent investigators here to check up on White.

All indications are that Garrigue will publish a paper in line with the progressive sentiment in the local labor movement and that the trade unions will benefit tremendously by having a paper that will fight for them instead of stabbing them in the back, as has been the case in the past.

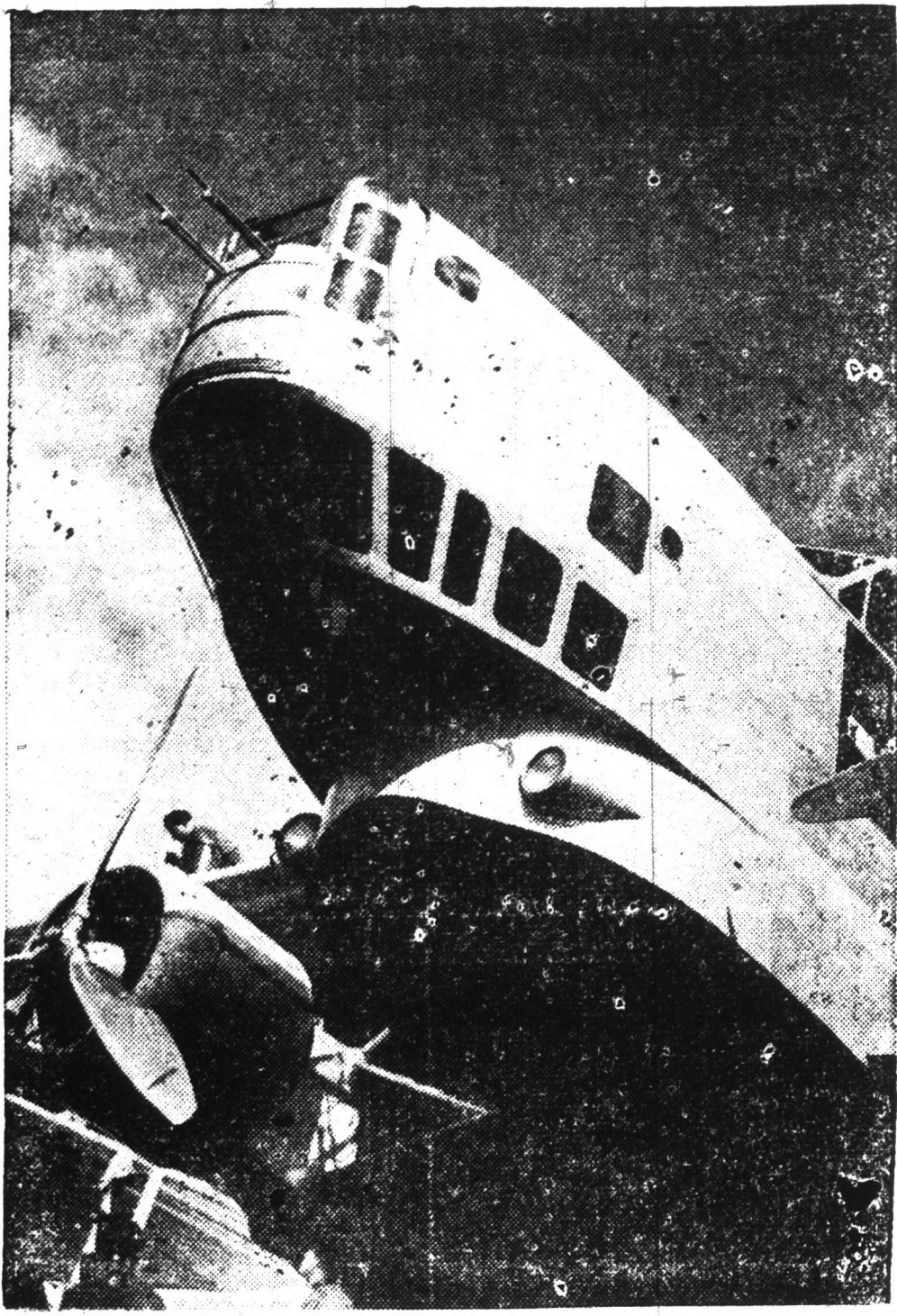
Epstein of Freiheit Talks in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—M. Epstein, staff member of the Morning Freiheit, will lecture at the Paramount Auditorium, 2706 Brooklyn avenue, next Wednesday, April 28, at 8 p. m.

"Toward Peace Between Jews and Arabs in Palestine" is to be Epstein's topic. Recently returned from Palestine where he conducted a thorough investigation into racial conditions there, Epstein is considered to be an authority on the subject.

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THREATENED BY Nazi imperialist ambitions, France builds this giant twin-motor bombing plane, largest yet built for military aviation in the republic. She carries nearly five tons of explosives.

CTM COUNCIL IN EFFORT TO GET ELECTION UNITY

Regional Disputes Hinder People's Front

MEXICO CITY—In a meeting which will have a strong bearing on the final and formal establishment of a People's Front, the national council of the Confederation of Mexican Workers is in session here from April 27 to 29.

Final ratification of the People's Front agreement between the Confederation (CTM), the National Revolutionary Party and the Communist Party has been delayed by attacks of reactionary elements within the C. T. M.

Regional Disputes

The disputes have been arising largely within certain Regional Confederations of workers and peasants, which are affiliated with the CTM and where reactionaries have recently been overthrown by their rank and file when they objected to the candidates chosen by conventions to represent the National Revolutionary Party in the coming elections. Regional leaders then opened attacks charging the Communist Party with attempting to "seize control of unions away from the present leadership."

Many Problems

The order of business now scheduled for the meetings includes the report on the activities of the CTM since the date of the last National Council in Vera Cruz several months ago; the problems now facing the CTM in various parts of the country; the question of the unification of the school teachers' unions and of the admission of the CTM of the Mexican Federal Workers formed by the Teachers Unity Congress recently held at Queretaro; the internal discipline of the CTM and of its subsidiary organizations; the political activities of the CTM, particularly its participation in the recent plebiscites of the National Revolutionary Party for the selection of candidates for the next Congress; and, finally, problems of an international character, particularly the civil war in Spain and the actions taken by the CTM in conjunction with the Trade Union International, to which it belongs, in the struggle against war and fascism.

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BENJAMIN IN L. A. SPEAKS ON JOBLESS

Is On National Tour For the Workers Alliance

LOS ANGELES—A veteran leader of the organized unemployed and present National Organizational Secretary of the Workers' Alliance, Harold Benjamin will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Alliance, April 30, 8 p. m., at the Music Arts Hall, 233 South Broadway.

On a coast to coast tour, Benjamin will speak on "The New WPA Program Before Congress and Mass Unemployment—The Fly in the Recovery Ointment." His tour is being conducted as part of the Workers' Alliance campaign for an adequate Public Works and Relief Program.

Three main demands of the Alliance are: 1. Three million WPA jobs; 2. 20 per cent boost in WPA wages; and 3. Federal Control of Direct Relief. Benjamin will discuss the program of the alliance which is embodied in a \$3,000,000,000 "Public Works and Relief Standards Bill" prepared under the direction of the Alliance and introduced in their behalf by Congressman Gerald Boileau, Progressive from Wisconsin.

Schacht's Rumors Denied in Izvestia

MOSCOW—Under the caption "Tricks for Small Children and Big Fools," an article in the government newspaper Izvestia denounced the stories circulated abroad that the Soviet Union was contemplating a rapprochement with Nazi Germany through the signing of new trade agreements.

The article declared the rumors were inventions by Germans with the object of helping Germany obtain foreign credits for the purchase of food and war materials abroad.

To statements by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Germany's finance minister that Germany "did not oppose" Soviet participation in European economic cooperation the article answered that Soviet participation does not depend on Germany.

The article also showed that Soviet-German trade has declined radically for the past three years.

NAPA SET FOR MEETING ON SOCIAL WORK

NAPA—Napa expects to send a good-sized delegation to the California Conference of Social Workers, to be held in San Jose May 9 to 13.

Mrs. Maude Chaffee, well-known Napa County social worker, is lining up other Napa social workers for the conference.

FOR SHORTER HOURS WASHINGTON — To compel Japan to institute shorter hours in textile mills, a committee at the Intl. Textile Conference urged the boycott weapon.

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UNIFIED CITY COUNCIL SET UP IN MADRID

Civil Government is Restored After Successes

MADRID—After six months in which the military defense committee has organized the defense of Madrid against the fascist siege civil government has been restored and the military forces subordinated to it.

The change was announced from the central government in Valencia.

The new arrangements provide for the setting up of a city council in which all organizations supporting the government will be represented. These include trade unions and political parties.

The step was made possible by the consolidation of Madrid defense under the leadership of General Miaja and by the unity achieved in the civilian organizations and political parties supporting the fight from behind the lines.

Unions Face Stiff Fight on C. Smith

LOS ANGELES — Superior Judge Emmett H. Wilson gave the open shoppers another break in granting a preliminary injunction to restrain picketing of the C. S. Metropolitan Market Co. The latter is an old sore spot for organized labor.

The Butchers, Teamsters, and Bakery Workers have been picketing the Smith markets in Los Angeles, Long Beach, Lynwood and Compton. Defendants in the action are Carl Fletcher, editor of the Long Beach Labor News, the paper itself, the Long Beach Labor Council, the unions named above and certain of their officials, and 200 "John Does" and 500 "Peter Pickets."

Alliance Pushes Fight, Palo Alto

PALO ALTO—Frank Lintner, of Menlo Park, state president of the Workers Alliance, will take steps to have endorsement of the \$3,000,000,000 congressional bill for a permanent public works program put on the agenda of the next Supervisors' meeting.

The Supervisors last refused to endorse the Alliance's fight for a 10 per cent wage increase and assurance of no further relief roll cuts before June 1.

S. F. Cannery Union Presenting Demands

By a Canner
SAN FRANCISCO—The Cannery and Preserve Workers Union Local 20,379 recently organized the Tea Garden Products Co. Working agreements are being presented to the operators. All unorganized fruit cannery workers should call at 32 Clay Street, Room E.

WORLD ISSUES

Tories' Retreat on Bilbao Recalls Hoare-Laval. Japanese Militarists Fear Defeat

The spectre of another Hoare-Laval fiasco quite obviously haunts the Tories of the British Empire.

The Tory machine in parliament rode rough-shod over Labor objections and backed Franco on the Bilbao blockade. Reaction's fair-haired boy, Sir Anthony Eden, spoke the government's piece.

Now the Tories have backed down. They attempted to do it gracefully of course, but they obviously backed water with their top hats bobbing in haste.

British ships are entering Bilbao, carrying food to the city whose besieged population is now setting the invading fascists to rout.

Repulse
The Tories knew precisely what they could expect if a fascist shell actually hit a British ship carrying food to Bilbao. They would have to find another fall guy, just as they had to replace Hoare by Eden to escape the uproar that was raised by the English public over the criminal swindle attempted in the Hoare-Laval pact.

They had hoped, undoubtedly, that "recognition" of Franco's blockade would prevent any ship going through. They had hoped the matter would die there.

But when the "Seven Seas Spray" went through anyway, they realized all too well that the British public would hold them responsible for any damage that might have come to it through such a treacherous invitation they gave to Franco.

In theory, they did not renounce the policy of ending British protection of British shipping at the three-mile limit. But they did announce that they would hold Franco "responsible" for any damage done beyond that point.

Food ships are going through. The Bilbao blockade is broken. It was broken by the anti-fascist British public whose active sympathy for Spain had finally prodded the Labor Party leaders into coming forward with a little bit of stiff opposition.

Sir Samuel Hoare, of Ethiopia, an ill-fame, now back in the cabinet as First Lord of the Admiralty, is reported to have been the chief proponent of support for Franco's "blockade." Of all the British cabinet, there is little doubt that he is the most active proponent of a liaison with fascism. He negotiated the naval agreement with Nazi Germany. He framed the Hoare-Laval deal, repudiated both by England and France.

But the British Tory cabinet repudiates him only when pressure forces it to do so.

Candid Opinions
The Whaley-Eaton service is a confidential advice for big capitalists, whose business is not to falsify in the manner of capitalist news services giving "information" to the general public.

Its Far-Eastern supplement has this to say on the Japanese elections coming up April 30:
April 20, 1937.

"Dear Sir:
Our latest cable reports are that it is almost certain the elections will not give Hayashi and the militarists control over Parliament. What will happen then is guess-work, but our advice are that, if the new Diet rejects Hayashi's military program, there will be a second dissolution of Parliament and that Hayashi will feel "temporarily" free to re-

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BRITISH FLEET AIDS SHIPS TO ENTER BILBAO

Fascist Fleet Gives War to Warning of Hood

LONDON — Fascist Spanish warships halted the British food ships Stanbrook, MacGregor and Hamsterley out of Bilbao, but withdrew after being warned by the British battleship H.M.S. Hood. It was announced here.

Although the cabinet's policy officially remains to protect British ships only up to the three-mile limit, the policy of full protection to British shipping was reverted to in practice.

It was learned that the fascist flagship Almirante Cervara actually fired shots across the bows of the vessels. The Hood then exchanged signals with the fascist ship and the latter signalled the food ships to proceed.

In theory, the food ships were escorted to Bilbao from the three-mile limit only by Loyalist cruisers with the further protection of Loyalist shore batteries.

In an interview from Spain, published in the Daily Mail, General Francisco Franco was quoted as refusing any peace negotiations. Apparently recognizing that the Spanish government will make no concessions to the fascist invaders, Franco "kept face" by announcing: "we cannot countenance any negotiations or compromise."

Fired by Pomeroy, 2 Are Reinstated

SACRAMENTO — Arbitrarily dismissed by state relief administrator Pomeroy, two SRA employees, Mr. Helen Campbell of San Francisco and W. J. Plunkert of Sacramento have been reinstated due to mass pressure.

They were dismissed because they exercised the constitutional right to lobby for the social workers.

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It Can—And Will—Be Done!

ON MAY DAY thousands of California people will gather in indoor and outdoor meetings to demonstrate labor's solidarity in the gigantic struggle to defeat reaction on all fronts.

All progressive forces in California stand behind the progressive labor movement in its battles for the right to organize, strike and picket; against vigilantism and the open shop; for unity in the labor movement. Great strides have been made in this direction—but the fight has just begun, as seen by the action of the cannery owners in the San Joaquin valley.

Labor in California has already awakened to the need for independent political action—for a Farmer-Labor Party; but here too the fight has just begun, as seen by sabotage of reactionary labor officials recently in both Alameda and Los Angeles counties.

This gigantic battle calls for the use of every available force—and for the recruitment of new forces—if victory is to be achieved.

The Western Worker is already a valuable weapon in the hands of the forces of progress—but its value can be increased a hundred fold, its effectiveness strengthened.

Circulation is the answer. The Western Worker must enroll an army of thousands of new subscribers.

It can be done. The situation demands that it be done. Every Communist and every Communist sympathizer, every reader of the Western Worker shares this grave responsibility.

Let's meet the situation with an indomitable will to victory! Enroll new subscribers into the Western Worker Army!

Mr. Green is Afraid

THE ACTION of the executive council of the AFL in "reading out" of the AFL all the CIO unions is not only a gross violation of trade union democracy, but violates the AFL constitution itself—and the decisions of the last AFL convention, which called for a special convention to be held before expulsion is ordered.

But even in this action, we must admit Green followed a "logical" line. For the illegality of this act is a natural follow-up of the illegality of the suspension of the CIO unions in the first place.

This "arbitrary" expulsion action demonstrates one thing well, if nothing else: That Mr. Green was afraid to call a special convention, even without the presence of CIO unions; afraid of the registering at such a convention of the strong tide of protest sweeping the progressive labor movement of the entire country against Green's splitting policy.

Mr. Green, in excusing the summary action of the executive council, spoke of the "irresponsibility" of the CIO unions. We believe, if Mr. Green had in mind his kind of labor responsibility, that he was correct in calling the CIO irresponsible. Green's responsibility is to the reactionary, open-shop forces. This is clearly demonstrated by his policies ever since the CIO drive was launched. Every one of his moves was hailed by the Merchants and Manufacturers' Associations and Chambers of Commerce.

On May 18th Green will hold a meeting to plan a drive counter to the CIO—a drive whose object will be to widen the gulf in the labor movement. This session, it is interesting to note, will be attended not by elected delegates, but by "presidents and officers of 108 loyal unions." Green fears democracy, and for good reasons.

What now?

Green's action does not alter the main task before the progressive labor unions: to organize to defeat attempts to unseat CIO union delegates from state federation of labor central labor bodies; to fight to maintain unity in each industry!

Every progressive craft union member is a potential ally in the fight for unity, and can be won over to help defeat the combination of Green and the reactionary open-shop forces!

Why the K.C. Crusade Against Communism?

THE NATIONWIDE "crusade against Communism" ordered by the Supreme Knight of the K. of C. should make Catholic workers stop, think, and ask a few questions.

Why the crusade against Communism—when it is common knowledge that Communists in the United States are working with every other progressive force against reaction and for unity against fascism?

Why the crusade against Communism—when it is common knowledge that Communists and Catholics are working side by side in Germany, along with Socialists and other minority groups, in the underground movement against Hitler's Nazis?

Why the crusade against Communism—when in Spain, the vast bulk of the Spanish Catholic population is fighting against fascism, fighting and suffering and dying, along with Communists, Socialists, Left Republicans and Syndicalists under the leadership of the People's Front Government?

We wish again to quote Father J. M. Galagos Racaful, the theological canon of Cordova Cathedral in Spain:

"In spite of the fact that the Church is not in agreement with Marxism, it must be in favor of the social progress represented by the people's cause in Spain. Christians must look with sympathy upon every effort toward diminishing the social inequality between human beings."

This is what Communists stand for—diminishing—and finally eradicating—the social inequality between human beings. Why, then, the crusade against Communism by the wealthy national leaders of the Knights of Columbus?

Obviously, and quite simply, it's because these leaders are not interested in diminishing such inequality, but in perpetuating it.

We ask all Catholic workers to think this over. And then come to the Communist Party with your questions, doubts and criticisms. We can answer them.

Shackling the Wagner Act

REACTIONARIES lose hard. This is shown by their reaction to the favorable decision wrested out of the Supreme Court by the pressure of the people.

This is why there is now a concerted move by reactionaries to rob the victory of its significance, by attempting to counteract all pro-labor provisions of the Wagner Act.

Efforts toward this end are summed up by the "Weekly Observer," published by the Research Institute of Industry and Economics in New York, as follows:

"Attempts will be made to remove the pro-labor slant of the Wagner Act, to establish some type of control over unfair and coercive practices by labor, and to protect the minorities created by the exclusive bargaining right given to 51 per cent majority of the workers in a plant or industry."

So we find reactionary Congressmen proposing amendments and riders to the Wagner Act calling for incorporation of trade unions and various other means of shackling them, under the guise of making them "responsible."

All such proposals must be defeated. The "unfair and coercive" practices by labor referred to, in the last analysis, mean that in the opinion of the reactionary open-shoppers it is unfair to them, and coercive of them, that unions should resort to militant measures to force employers to recognize and abide by the Wagner Act.

Trade unionists should lose no time in letting their Congressmen know they are opposed to all such labor-shackling legislation.

The Setback on the C.S. Repeal Fight

THE ATTEMPT by the Committee on Crime Problems, through its unfavorable 5 to 2 vote, to kill the movement to repeal the criminal syndicalism law, and the defeat of the proposal to bring the repeal bill on the floor of the Assembly for reconsideration, does not bring to end the campaign to repeal the bill, despite the ardent hopes of the reactionary forces in California.

With the repeal of the measure by both Oregon and Washington, California remains the only Pacific coast state whose statute books retain this legislative blot.

This temporary defeat of the will of the people by the State Chamber of Commerce and the Associated Farmers, who took the lead in the anti-repeal campaign, demonstrates that not enough pressure was put on the Assemblymen to force favorable action.

Representatives of large growers who spoke against the repeal measure at the committee hearing tried to create the impression that the issue was one of farmers against workers. Nothing could be farther from the truth. These people did not speak for the thousands of small farmers throughout the state, whose interests are diametrically opposed to those of the large growers.

Before the launching of a new state-wide repeal campaign, based on placing the matter before the people on an initiative referendum, the best blows can be directed against the criminal syndicalism law at this time by exerting pressure on the Third District Court of Appeals, urging a favorable decision in the appeal of the conviction of the C. S. prisoners.

The case is scheduled for hearing this June. We urge all trade unions and other progressive organizations to adopt resolutions calling for a reversal of the convictions, and forward them to the Clerk of the Court at Sacramento.

In the meantime, while the repeal campaign again gets under way, public sentiment in California can prevent the further use of this law against labor.

What Mussolini and Hitler Want From Spain



THIS MAP SHOWS geographically the rich mineral deposits of Spain—minerals coveted by Hitler and Mussolini for their war machines. Spain is the richest country in the world in iron pyrites, while in the Almaden area there is the world's biggest quicksilver deposit.

An Advance Toward a Natl. Maritime Federation

By R. B. Hudson

An important milestone in the struggles of the maritime workers has just been gained. It is the settlement of the sidown strikes of the International Merchant Marine, the strongest United States shipping company.

The agreement arrived at is of tremendous significance. Through it the IMM has been forced to make important concessions to the American Radio Telegraphers Association and the three unions composing the East and Gulf districts of the International Seamen's Union.

This development marks the turning point in the long struggle of the East and Gulf Coast seamen for powerful democratic unions. It advances the fight for unity of the seamen on a national scale, for uniform national wages and working conditions and for a national maritime federation.

The way is thus opened for the maritime workers to bring their struggles for these main objectives to victory in the near future.

Acknowledged CIO Unions

Confronted with sidown actions on a wide scale, the IMM agreed to remove the scabs and issue passes to the progressive officials of the I.S.U. They also reluctantly admitted that the old line former officials of the Eastern and Gulf districts no longer represented the membership of these unions. Further, they acknowledged that the new CIO union, the American Radio Telegraphers Association, was the representative of the radio operators and agreed to conclude an agreement with this organization.

No doubt the powerful Standard Oil Co. of N. J., with a fleet of 150 vessels, was strongly influenced by the IMM settlement, when a short time later it agreed to recognize the progressive delegates of the Firemen's Union and promised action for recognition of the officials of the other two I.S.U. unions.

In reaching the present favorable situation the seamen had to overcome many obstacles. Their former officials outlawed democracy with the aid of a Hitler-like constitution that gave them complete and arbitrary power to eleven died in the wool reactionaries. These reactionaries a year ago split the union wide open by revoking the charter of the Sailors of the Pacific, and refusing to recognize the new officials elected by the E. & G. unions.

They used gangster terror to crush the militancy of their membership. They declared the two historic strikes of the Eastern seamen "outlaw" and acted as the main scab-herders for the shipowners. The \$100,000 shortage of Emperor Grange of the Cooke Union, recently revealed in court, shows the corruption of the old regime.

Their actions and policies met with the endorsement and support of such reactionaries as Joseph P. Ryan, president of the I. L. A., and of the American Federation of Labor executive committee.

Above all, these reactionaries received the full support of the shipowners, in blacklisting militants, and only two months ago the shipowners in a desperate attempt to bolster up the position of their agents, announced that the wages increases and improvements in conditions,

which had been forced by the recent strike, were a result of "peaceful" negotiations with Grange, Carlson, Brown and Hunter, all of whom had been repudiated and removed from office by the seamen during the strike.

The Progressives' Fight

Untiring efforts upon the part of such progressives as Curran, King, Meyers, Lewis Byne, Jones, Hunter and scores of other militants have united the membership of the I. S. U. unions in support of progressive policies which have always been broadly popularized through the I. S. U. Pilot.

The seamen have always backed up their fight for a democratic union with organized action on the ships. They combined their mass activities with a correct fight in the courts. In recent periods they have unified their forces greatly and advanced their fight in the midst of great strikes carried on in the face of adverse conditions.

And now, with the aid of the increased strength gained in the last strike and using labor's new weapon, the sidown strike, they have smashed the united front of the powerful I. M. M. and the old reactionary machine.

The victories on the Pacific Coast and the establishment of progressive unions there united through the Pacific Maritime Federation has always been a source of strength and encouragement to the Eastern rank and file.

The consistent position of the Pacific ILA under the leadership of Harry Bridges and the recent decisions of the three Pacific Seamen's unions, in which they recognized the present emergency officials as the official representatives of the Eastern Unions and pledged full support to these unions, undoubtedly strengthened the position of the rank and file and helped make possible the recent victories.

These decisions were important also because they have resulted in closer cooperation between the Sailors Union of the Pacific, headed by Harry Lundberg, and the other two Pacific Unions, with the Eastern and Gulf unions on questions of national policy.

The IMM settlement is also significant because a favorable outcome of the immediate situation leading to the establishment of powerful democratic unions in the East and Gulf will advance the fight of the seamen for national unity to the stage where it can be realized. It would be about the death blow to the old line reactionaries and restore democratic rank and file controlled unions in the East, Gulf, and Pacific.

A Unity Convention

A demand that a convention be democratically convened for the purpose of restoring national unity would be hard for the ISU executive committee to evade. If they refused to convene such a convention by restoring the charter of the Sailors of the Pacific and guaranteeing the democratic elections of delegates through the District Union, then the District Unions could convene a National Unity Convention.

They would be justified in doing so in the face of the burning need to unite the seamen into one national union and the refusal of the ISU top leadership to heed the democratic demands of the membership.

No Final Victory

What does the outcome of the IMM struggle show? That the shipowners cannot weaken the ARTA by creating divisions in the ranks of the Radio Operators. That the pressure of the seamen on this company, the greatest U.S. shipping company, is strong enough to force recognition of their elected officials, and that the shipowners are beginning to understand that they must recognize and deal with the representatives democratically elected by the seamen.

One of the immediate results of this situation is that it undoubtedly will strengthen the forces of ALL the seamen and encourage the seamen of every company to bring all shipowners to terms. It should be emphasized here, however, that no final victory has been won anywhere, even on the IMM, but that a victory is possible. The seamen continue to strengthen their forces by consolidating their organization on every ship and conduct their fight on the basis of a correct policy.

The seamen are determined to choose their own representatives. Even the IMM now recognizes this fact. Now the question is—Will the ISU and AFL and ISU International officials also recognize the right of the seamen to democratically control their union?

If they are willing to concede recognition of the Firemen's union and its present officials and to grant immediate elections to the Sailors and Cooks unions under auspices of the National Labor Relations Board with the necessary guarantees that there will be no discrimination, then there is no doubt that the seamen, in keeping with their stated policy would consider this a satisfactory means of solving all controversial questions.

The consolidation of the Eastern and Gulf Unions; the restoration of national unity of the seamen, will place the formation of a national maritime federation on the order of the day. First of all, cementing the unity of all six of the East Coast unions that participated in the recent strike it would create the basis for an Eastern Federation in the near future. Secondly, it would give a real mass basis to the still weak Gulf Maritime Federation.

Third, it would strengthen and stimulate the fight of the ILA membership for democracy in their unions and for united action with the other six crafts. In this respect it should be noted that the coming convention of the Pacific Coast Federation can undoubtedly become a rallying point of all forces for strengthening the fight for a national maritime federation.

A National Federation

The formation of a national maritime federation is the concrete application of the principles of industrial unionism, as championed by the CIO. There is no other step towards the eventual amalgamation of all forces into one industrial union. Advancing this struggle means winning the support of the membership of six national unions for the program of the CIO. Therefore, in realizing these tasks, the maritime workers can play an important role in defeating the AFL reactionaries whose opposition to the principles of industrial unionism has led them

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

The Criminal Syndicalism Hearings

The hearing held last week before the Assembly Committee on "Crime Problems" to discuss the bill for the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act was a classic example of the burning need to build a Farmer-Labor party in California. Arrayed against the repeal were all the pro-fascist vigilante forces of California, oily lawyers, big growers, American Legion officials, etc., who thundered about revolution, force and violence, law and order.

The unmitigated gall of these people was especially emphasized by the fact that newspapers were carrying screaming headlines that very moment of the arming and deputizing of vigilantes to prepare for the bloody attacks on Stockton strikers that followed only three days later.

The fascists oppose repeal. The so-called "Associated Farmers," which is really a vigilante organization set up by the big growers, had their paunchy representatives, claiming to speak for the "dirt farmers," plead for "democracy" and oozed their love for labor.

That very moment the same fascist chief, Colonel Garrison, was preparing to show their love for labor and democracy by collecting pick handles, shotguns, tear gas, and other weapons to let loose their reign of violence and bloodshed against workers who were fighting for the rights they thought the Farmer Labor Act had given them. At the hearings, the growers eloquently described the high wages they were paying their agricultural workers, but they failed to give any figures, because figures would have shown them up as liars. Their whole argument was that there was really no need for organization

and strikes, that discontent was due to the pitiful few cents an hour that farm labor was paid, but to "alien agitators."

Their speeches were an insult to the intelligence of any American, who believes in the American traditions of democracy and freedom. It is unfortunate that there were no small farmers or agricultural workers at the hearing to show up the hypocrisy of the flag-waving speeches made by these fascist elements.

There was a veteran present who gave the lie to the claim of the Legionnaires that the veterans supported the Criminal Syndicalism Act. He declared that the last state convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, representing 18,000 veterans, had gone on record favoring the repeal of the law.

Labor Will Remember These Names

But in spite of the fact that an imposing array of speakers representing the entire labor movement of California denounced the C. S. law and demanded its repeal, it was a foregone conclusion that the reactionary-dominated Assembly Committee would kill the repeal bill, which they did by a 5 to 2 vote. The names of Assemblyman Peyser of San Francisco, Miller of Pasadena, Johnson of Berkeley, and Cottrell of San Jose will be remembered by labor as the despicable and supine servants of the reactionary banker-grower interests of California, who served their masters well.

So will the name of Assembly Speaker William Mosely Jones, who purposely referred the repeal measure to one of the worst reactionary committees in the Assembly. And so will the names of the 45 Assemblymen who voted against bringing the repeal bill out of committee to the floor of the house.

The anti-labor record of the Republican state administration and the Republican-dominated State Senate should arouse the labor and progressive forces of California to the need for entering on the road of independent political action in the next state elections in 1938, to sweep the servants of reaction out of office, and put an end to fascist vigilantism in California.

The relatively poor showing of many labor and progressive candidates in the recent Oakland and Los Angeles primary elections should serve as a warning to the labor movement, and a scathing indictment of the policy of labor officials who sabotaged the launching of labor progressive tickets. This policy is responsible for the election and the keeping in office of reactionary Republican tools of Hearst.

It is high time that the progressive labor movement takes the initiative to prepare for independent political action in 1938, in alliance with the small and middle farmers and all other progressive forces in California.

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AGRICULTURAL UNION MOURNS FILIPINO BRO.

Memorial for Worker Who Killed Robbing Contractors

By an Agricultural Worker
STOCKTON—With many of his fellow workmen sitting in sorrowful silence, a memorial service was held in St. John's Episcopal Church Monday, April 26, for our brother, Petronio Pacrem, a Filipino. It was the first service of the kind to be held for a Filipino in St. John's church.

Brother Pacrem, 41 years old, was hanged in San Quentin penitentiary recently for the killing of two Filipino contractors on the Allen Hoover ranch in the Delta region.

Robbed of 17 Months' Pay
After 17 long months' hard work for these exploiters, this union worker could not get his money. After several appeals to them for his money and he was refused, this brave worker decided to finish two exploiters by taking their lives.

All he had to say was that he did it for a good cause, and these two contractors will not exploit any other workers any more. The shooting took place right where the work was.

Union Members Present
About 1500 attended the services—Filipinos, Americans with their wives, who work in the canneries here at Stockton, and every nationality you may say. There was nothing like this in Stockton before. The Agricultural Workers' Union and its members, with all the cannery workers, took great interest for this brother.

All kinds of flowers were presented. The services were conducted by Rev. Seth C. Hawley. Assisting him was Rev. Jose Deaso, Methodist Church, Filipino Missionary. Bob Dietz was at the organ and Thomas Hutcheson assisted Rev. Hawley.

The body of Pacrem will be sent to his home in the Philippine Islands for burial. Pacrem's widow, several children and his mother live in the Islands.

Relatives Mourn
A few years ago an 18-year-old son joined his father in Stockton, contracted pneumonia and died. His body was returned to his Island home. Additional relatives include two brothers here, Regino and Filipo, both of whom were at the services Monday.

Pacrem, like most of the Filipinos, was a member of the Catholic church, but because of the great friendship, which is shared by other local Filipinos, for Mrs. Mary Hutcheson, social service worker among the Filipinos, the services were in his church.

His attorney, who defended him, spoke in regards to the complexities of the case during the trial. Mrs. Hutcheson spoke firmly denouncing the results of the trial as being too hasty to decide his guilt.

Union Organizer Spoke
Brother Warren Brown, organizer of the Agricultural Workers' Union, praised the importance of unionization in order to educate the workers and help them to live under better conditions, and see that crimes like that will not happen again. He emphasized clearly that the weak and the poor have no protection to amount to very much, especially if he is foreign born.

"The only protection the workers can have is a strong labor union, which can take and fight their cases," he said. "Individually no worker can do much to get justice. As a body, though, through labor unions, workers can do everything to see that a worker will get justice."

Rev. Hawley also praised the importance of labor unions as the only solution for labor problems in order to avoid such crimes as the above, which took the lives of three for only money.

The Agricultural and Cannery Workers' Union of Stockton deeply regretted the loss of this brother. All our members and their wives are expressing the highest sympathy to his relatives in the U. S. and in the Islands.

S.F. Kress' Store Defies California State Labor Laws
By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO—On Sunday, April 18, about 15 girls worked at Kress' Store on Market St. They were let in the back door very quietly and were cautioned very strongly not to answer the telephone if it rang. They will be given a day off for this during the week, but it violates the state law, since it will be more than a week from one day off to the next.

Fascism Stumbles -- By a Worker



S. F. Candy Labor Wins Closed Shop

SAN FRANCISCO—The workers employed at the Lyons Magnus plant, members of Candy and Confectionery Local 24, concluded negotiations that gave them the closed shop, vacations with pay, recognition of shop stewards, and a substantial increase in pay.

A compromise was agreed to on hours. The union was granted the 40-hour week but acceded to the employers to work 44 hours on straight time during the three-month rush season; time and one-half was conceded the workers for overtime.

Other Members Amazed
Other members of the union seem amazed at the success of the Lyons Magnus group; and in comparing it with the Association for the Candy Workers, the former, it puts the union to shame, especially those who advocated acceptance.

In well-organized plants, the union could negotiate individual agreements such as was done by the Lyons Magnus group, thus bringing success and giving the workers in other plants an incentive to join the union and follow the same policy.

This tactic is correct when the industry is poorly organized; dealing with the Association of the employers in a collective group is playing into their hands, as the union is not in a position to dictate to the entire industry. But in factories that are well organized, the closed shop and other fundamental issues can be won by negotiating with the employers individually.

Must Organize 100 Per Cent
The "gentlemen's agreement" amounted to accepting the half-loaf, or drinking diluted milk. If the union is to gain maximum concessions, the problem of organizing the candy industry in San Francisco 100 per cent will have to be pushed steadily, so that when the busy season rolls around, the union can scrap the "gentlemen's agreement" and go after the closed shop and other fundamental issues.

District organizers, like Ripa, stopping by to let off some gas, will likely ascend to other parts with nothing done about lining up the unorganized into the union.

Members Must Act
Only rank-and-file initiative will make possible a successful campaign to win 100 per cent organization and the closed shop. The brother who did outstanding work to organize the union was attacked on the grounds of being ineligible, but the rank-and-file backed him up. Now it seems a member of Painters Local 1158 is trying to get his organization to move to oust this brother as a delegate to the Labor Council. Rank-and-file, squelch any move if and when it is attempted.

Incidentally, the chief weakness of the union is still that of haranguing over petty issues, while important problems stand in abeyance. Have some thought for the chocolate dippers, whose problems are still to be cleared up.

How the A.T.&T. Robs Both Public And Its Employees

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO—Between 1929 and 1936, this is what happened in the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., world's largest corporation.

The number of employees fell from 456,682 to 294,362. The payroll fell from \$976,543,312 to \$475,000,000. Dividends rose from \$116,378,371 to \$168,081,179 annually.

It may seem like a kind of figure puzzle contest, but figure it out and you will see that depression is a more or less permanent evil under the present capitalist economic system of exploitation we live in today—a robber system that puts profits above human rights.

Two Farmers Talk About Associated 'Farmers'--A Skit

By a Petaluma Farmer
Hiram—Phooey!
Charley—What have you got, Hiram?
H.—Oh, it's Bulletin 38 of the Associated Farmers.
C.—That thing! By golly, somebody ought to give that editor a good swift kick in the pants.

HITS MEXICAN SEGREGATION

Workers Divided in Theater, Schools

By a Worker Correspondent
CANOGA PARK, L. A. County—The Jim Crowism of the deep South, condemned and bitterly fought by all fair-minded Americans, has its counterpart in our own state and should be recognized and fought as a fascist method.

Here in Canoga Park, as in many other communities in California where the rich growers wish to keep the agricultural workers divided and virtually enslaved, race discrimination is practiced against the Mexican people. Two flagrant examples of this are noted in the local theatre and in the public schools.

Boycott and Protest
The New Madrid Theater here, whose patronage is made up largely of the Mexican people, segregated its patronage into American and Mexican sections.

Many people are boycotting the theater because of this discrimination, but every worker in this community who feels that he must go to the New Madrid to see a picture, should protest to the manager.

In the public schools here, separate lavatories are provided for the Mexican children. When some of the mothers protested to the principal, they were told that no discrimination was being shown, that it was "merely a game to see which group would keep the lavatories the cleanest."

Very Flimsy Excuse
This flimsy excuse did not fool the mothers. Mothers in Parent-Teacher groups should protest this violation of the principles of American democracy. Every decent American wants race friendships, not race hatreds.

The working people of our community must be made conscious of the fact that race discrimination is a blow aimed at all workers.

The rich "gang" that encourages segregation is interested only in assuring themselves of a big open slave market. Unity of American and Mexican workers can and must smash this reign of the rich growers which keeps agricultural workers in the lowest paid class in California and consequently, by setting a low standard, lowers the living standards for other workers.

'So From Now On, Call Me Comrade'

By a WPA Worker
LONG BEACH—We take the Western Worker. We are both very interested in all the Party movements. Please find space to print this letter and let our Party members know what is going on in Minnesota.

Now a Sympathizer
"Uncle Jim:
"I really have to tell you that when I think of home and used to argue with you about Communism, I am ashamed. I am not a Communist Party member, but I'm a sympathizer. Almost all of my friends are either C.P. members or Socialists.

"Sunday and Monday the Farmer-Laborites and Communists had a Lobby at the State Capitol. About 4000 people from all over the state came to the Capitol. Monday night over 300 people had a sit-down strike in the Senate Chamber. They broke in and stayed all night."

"Just Call Me Comrade"
"What they want is a bigger relief appropriation and a larger income tax bill. The Senate today passed a resolution to punish those who were in the sit-down."

"I know several of the people who organized the Lobby and helped do a lot of work on it. So, from now on, Uncle, just call me Comrade."

Send in news of your union.

AGRICULTURAL UNION IN LODI

Workers to Organize 100%—Organizer

By a Worker Correspondent
LODI, San Joaquin County—Complete unionization of all farm workers in this district will be taken up, declared Irl Lafayette Balderstone, in a statement to the Lodi paper, saying he was organizer for a union in the Lodi area.

The statement was issued also to Col. Garrison, the vigilante-inciter of the Associated "Farmers," and reads:
"Ranchers Must Give
"In view of the latest ruling by the United States Supreme Court on the National Labor Relations Bill, the ranchers of California and the Lodi district will have to allow workers to organize and bargain with their unions."

"Hence the paradox of an organized group of ranch owners and employers forbidding labor to organize shall have to cease."

"Such statements as Col. Garrison made on April 5 are clearly illegal and regardless of his wishes or dictates, the farmers will have to submit to the unionization of their employees."

For Living Wages
"It is up to the ranchers to institute living wages, an eight-hour day, also sanitary and satisfactory working conditions. If they do not do this voluntarily, they will be forced to do it by the workers and by state laws."

The Lodi Times said that Balderstone who lives at Route 3, Box 14, Lodi, is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

Report Attempts To Split Seattle Alaska Union

By an Alaska Canner
SAN FRANCISCO—According to a report made to the officials of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, Local 20,195, attempts are being made to break the Alaska Cannery Workers Union of Seattle by Doyle and Flynn of the AFL.

These reactionaries, with the aid of Arima, a Japanese labor-faker and attorney, are trying to obtain a charter for the Japanese workers and create a dual union in order to pit one union against the other.

As Faker Doyle said: "In this way we can negotiate with the Japanese workers if the Filipino workers get obstinate."

Local 20,195 of S. F. has taken steps against such happening to their union. Large groups of one nationality or race are not to be permitted to go to one cannery alone. Workers to Alaska are being dispatched in mixed-up groups.

The necessity of this protective step was long ago foreseen by the officials of the S. F. union, and is backed up 100 per cent by the rank-and-file members, who will not tolerate any splitting tactics in their union.

First Ship Sails to Alaska Canneries

By an Alaska Packer
SAN FRANCISCO—The S. S. Chirik, of the Alaska packers' fleet sailed away Saturday, April 17, to the Karluk and Chignik canneries, southeastern Alaska, with close to 300 happy Alaska cannery men on board.

Their working agreement is much better this year than last. No attempts by Mayers and Young scab-herders, have been made this year to load scabs on board Alaskan ships, even though it is known he intended to make an attempt.

Party sure to have a Farmer-Labor Party here by next election.

That'd make a swell slogan—"A Farmer-Labor Party by Next Election!"

A Dream Came True

By a Worker Correspondent
Yells and screams shattered my dreams
And I rushed for the head of the stairs;
Two little boys were making some noise
In a fight over a little old chair.

Said little Wee Willie, "I had it first,
Besides this chair is backed by Hearst!"
Lewis said nothing, but swung from the ground
And Wee Willie's head went 'round and around.

Lewis won the chair, I'm proud to say—
A change in the present working day.
And so this dream has come to pass,
While Willie is sitting in the past.

—Dewey Loftus, Monterey.

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OAKLAND NURSE WRITES ON HER BAD CONDITIONS

Gets \$3 for 12 Hours Work, \$4 for 20 Hours

By a Nurse
OAKLAND—I have been reading your paper for a year or more and am delighted to learn of the fine work it is doing.

I just read in the W.W., April 15, that graduate nurses are raised to \$6 in Palo Alto, and hours shortened. I am an undergraduate nurse. The Nurses Registry in Oakland expects us to work 12 hours per day for \$3. That includes meals, but we have to pay for one uniform in the laundry and carfare. We have to nurse, keep house and mind children if any.

Bad Conditions
Then sometimes we have to sleep on the premises. We have to get up at night with patients, also sleep in the room with the sick. For 20 hours work we get the large sum of \$4. Can't something be done about this?

The Smold Registry has these rates—1331 Marina Ave., Berkeley.

Little Pay Left
Arts & Crafts Registry, Hbbart St., Oakland, makes a nurse give 10 per cent of her wages weekly. We also pay Arnold Registry \$15 per year dues.

What kind of treatment is this? Also an undergraduate must be able to give hypodermics and do almost everything a graduate nurse does. Our uniform laundry is 35 cents per uniform, and carfare seven cents each way. What have we left? Let's do something about it.

If my name was disclosed, I'd be blacklisted by doctors and registries. Help a nurse.

ANSWER: Only organization into the Nurses Union can improve these conditions. Information can be obtained at the Alameda County Central Labor Council offices, Labor Temple, Oakland.—Workers' Correspondence Editor.

WAGE INCREASE SOUGHT BY S. F. HODCARRIERS

By a Hodcarrier
SAN FRANCISCO—The Hodcarriers Local 36 passed a motion to go out for a wage increase from \$1.25 to \$1.50 an hour, this to take effect July 1, 1937.

A committee of four was appointed by the president, which will immediately start negotiations with the "Master Plasterers' Association."

The plasterers are also going out for a raise, from \$1.50 to \$1.75 an hour, this to take effect August 1.

These are two of the locals in the Building Trades that enjoy the six-hour day, which other unions are now engaged in a fight to win.

L. A. LOCAL 15 GROWS FAST IN SHORT PERIOD

Democratic Set-up is What Won Union Conditions

By an Upholsterer
LOS ANGELES—At the last membership meeting of the Upholsterers' Union, Local 15, on Thursday, April 15, attended by over 700 workers, the union had the pleasure of hearing John Anson Ford, progressive candidate for mayor, speak, and unanimously went on record endorsing him.

Ford Pledges Labor Support
Workers asked many questions for Ford to answer, such as: "If elected, will you abolish the 'red squad' and change the chief of police and stop interference with our peaceful picket lines?" "Are you interested in the Constitutional rights of civil liberties for the people, such as the rights of free speech, free press, and free assembly?"

Many other questions were asked, too numerous to mention. To all of them, Ford agreed to do all in his power as mayor.

The meeting was very enthusiastic, which was the first one conducted in the union's new headquarters at 1040 South Grand Ave. Two years ago this same union had a membership of 20. A couple of reactionaries named Mayhew and others were running it as a racket. There was no activity whatsoever. Workers who paid their initiation fees and dues were never recorded and no one knew what the financial standing of the union was.

Fakers Out—Democracy In

Since the workers kicked out the reactionaries and set up a healthy rank and file administration, everything is run democratically. The present rank-and-file administration submits everything to the membership for approval or otherwise. They carry out the wishes of the membership 100 per cent.

In the last year and a half, the union has improved the conditions of the workers as a result of many militant strikes. Wages jumped from 50 to 65 cents an hour to \$1 an hour minimum.

For the women, wages have jumped from 50 to 70 cents an hour minimum. The local in the last year participated in every militant picket line of other unions. The membership has paid an assessment of 10 to 5 per cent since last September.

Still Solid in Kroehler Strike
The support of the Kroehler strike which is still on, in spite of the sell-out of the Kroehler strike in San Francisco, by S. S. King, dictator of Local 28, is daily being carried over to the Kroehler plant in Inglewood.

As a result of the victorious strike of last October, the union has grown to over 900 members at present. San Diego, Long Beach, and San Pedro upholstery workers are organized and affiliated with Local 15.

Organizing in new roads, the union is concentrating on the very few unorganized shops still open. And the results are very successful. The slogan is 100 per cent organization in the industry.

King's Dirty Dealing
A member of the union at the last meeting displayed a letter which he had received from go-co sources from San Francisco, which stated that on Wednesday, April 7, S. S. King made a statement to a large meeting of the Women's Trade Union Label League in San Francisco, that Local 15 was irresponsible in its behavior, that the strike was in a bad way, therefore this "savior" had come to the "rescue."

He red-baited against the rank-and-file business agent of Local 15, claiming he wrote a report to the Western Worker about King's double dealing, and on this basis tried to paint "red" on the business agent and the whole Local 15 administration.

Members Enraged Against King
When the member got through reading the letter, the entire membership was enraged against King.

The business agent stated that he regretted that he could not claim the credit for such an authentic report in the Western Worker (which was, by the way, read at the meeting) to prove that the Western Worker is always on the job as a militant friend of labor.

He further stated that he did not wish to deprive the Western Worker reporter of the credit and honor of such a correct report.

Everything in that article of the Western Worker is authentic and correct—however, I did not write it," he said.

Red-Baiting Flops
All the members of Local 15 definitely realize today that the Western Worker is a true friend of labor and that it is theirs as well as the rest of the labor movement's.

L. A. Democrats Back Ford

NOMINEE FOR MAYOR SEARS SHAW REGIME

Ford Exposes Anti-Labor Acts of Incumbent

LOS ANGELES—The County Central Committee, Democratic Party, endorsed John Anson Ford for mayor in the May 4 final elections, and "denounced to all of the electorate of the city and particularly its Democratic electorate, the vicious deceptions and misrepresentations of Frank L. Shaw, incumbent mayor, and his coterie of reactionary sponsors."

When Attorney General U. S. Webb charged Los Angeles was the "mecca of big time gamblers from the East," Ford declared:

Police and Underworld
"Nobody is foolish enough to think all gambling and vice can be eliminated in any great city, but these evils can be reduced to a minimum the day the political alliance between the police 'high command' and the underworld is broken."

Ford blasted Shaw's slogan: "Every Promise Fulfilled," in a statement: "Four years ago the mayor led labor leaders to believe the police 'red squad' would be abolished. It is still operating."

"Is the mayor for or against peaceful picketing? The records for the past four years show no move on the mayor's part to repeal the existing city anti-picketing law but reveal a peculiarly spotty record as to arrests in certain cases and as to complete non-interference in other cases."

Unions Back Ford
—Ford has pledged to defend the rights of labor, and has declared: "I am opposed to strike-breaking."

Among unions endorsing Ford are: Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and Ladies' Auxiliary Lodge; Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers; Order of Railroad Telegraphers; Painters 202; Upholsterers 15; Musicians 47; District Council of Painters. Ford is to speak to Retail Shoe Clerks' Union; Stove Mounters; Bookbinders; Carver local of United Automobile Workers; Electrical Workers; Machinists and Plasterers.

Suspicious Moves By 'Leaders' of East Bay Labor

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND—Something suspiciously like an odor in Denmark, was smelled here during the closing weeks of the election campaign leading up to the primaries last Tuesday, April 20.

This was the contradictory position of several so-called labor leaders in relation to repeal of the Oakland anti-picketing ordinance.

Listed on Machine "League"

Wm. Spooner, Central Labor Council secretary; Chas. T. Real, Teamsters Union autocrat; Wm. Stryker and G.M. Silverthorn, Milk Wagon Drivers, leaders of the fight against an independent labor ticket in the Non-Partisan Federation of Labor; Wm. P. Fee, who refused to put Green's dictate to break up the membership of ILA 38-44, to a vote in the Labor Council—all appear listed on the executive committee of the "Non-Partisan Good Government League" which supported the five incumbent anti-labor councilmen.

This executive committee looks suspiciously like the handmaidens of the Knowland-Kelly Republican Machine. It has announced that the Lafayette Club of Alameda County has endorsed the incumbents.

There's Something Rotten
The "League to Prevent Violence," so soundly denounced by Spooner at the Labor Council mass meeting for repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance as the organization set up expressly to retain the ordinance and defeat labor's measure simultaneously announced that the Lafayette Club had voted its opposition to repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance. This is the background for the assertion of Olin W. Murrell, one of the five Democratic candidates, that the funds to finance the campaign of the incumbent councilmen came from the same source as the financial backing opposing repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance.

"This places the incumbents on the side of those who would retain the anti-picketing law," said Murrell.

In which case, just where does this place the above-mentioned officials of unions and of the Central Labor Council, who are responsible to their membership for repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance?

The two-faced line-up of Spooner, Real, Tyrrell, Silverthorn and Fee has never been more transparent, never so open.

CIO SUCCESS
DALLAS, Tex.—A new Cotton and Dress Workers' Union has been chartered here by the ILGWU, in a national drive.

LABOR AND POLITICS

In California and Nationally

By John Broman

DO YOU WANT A FARMER-LABOR PARTY?

You belong to a union, or to a Pomona Farm Grange, or to another organization. You are a reader of the Western Worker; and therefore, you want to see your organization go 100 per cent solid to build a Farmer-Labor Party. If you

are also a member of the Communist Party, you realize it is your duty to fight for the economic and political interests of the working people, and to build a bulwark against Fascism, by getting your union or other mass organization on record for such a People's Front.

How to Do It . . .

How can I do this? you ask. Let's say the members of your union are progressive or there is a strong group of progressives, and they should be for a Farmer-Labor Party, but politically they are confused.

You need weapons to develop the political consciousness and vigilance of members of your organization. Probably you haven't fully realized it, but you have the best possible lever to

do the job in this paper you now have in your hands—the Western Worker.

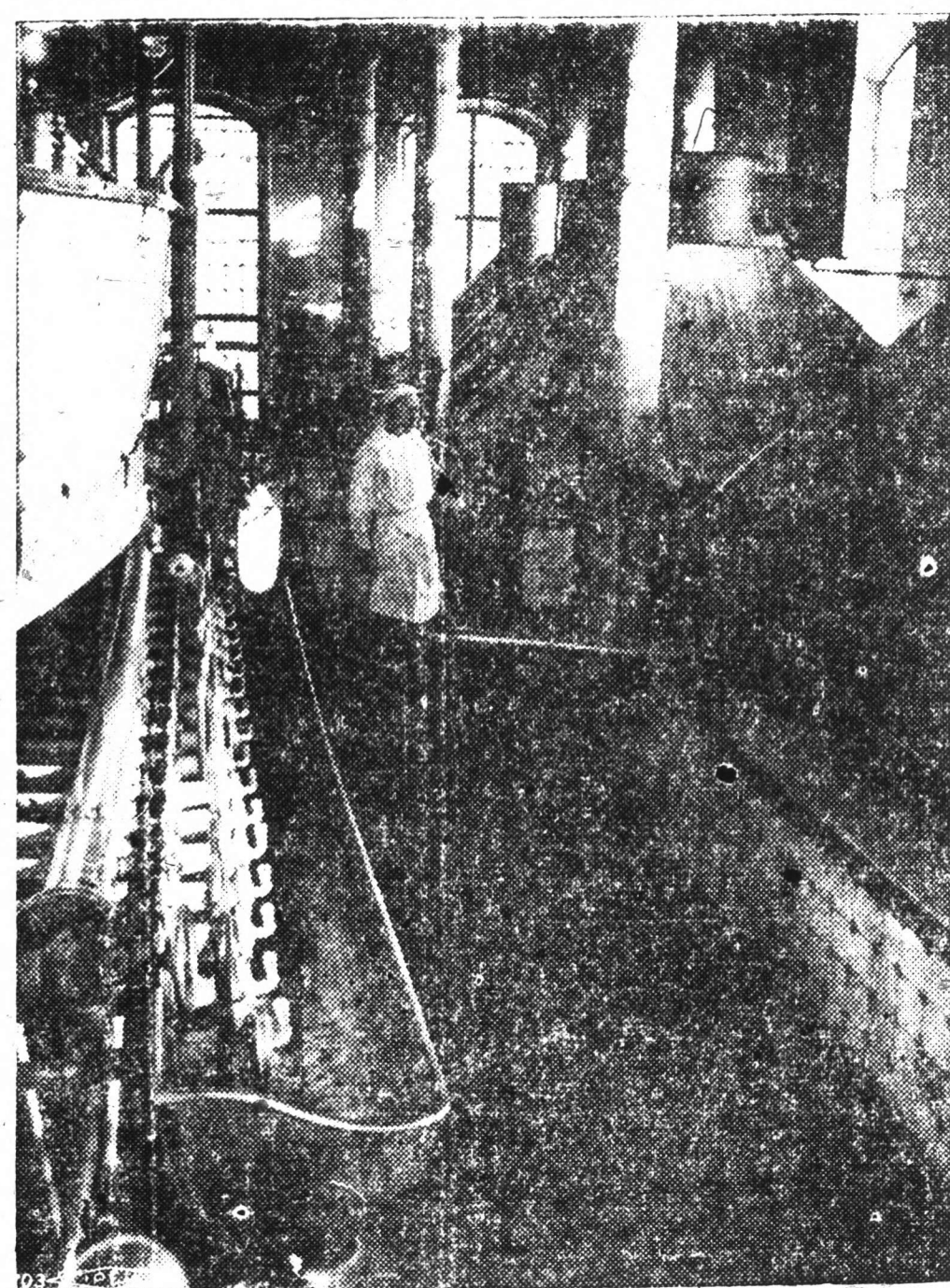
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Catering to the Thirsty of Moscow



SCENE AT the brewing vats in the Soviet capital's largest brewery—the Badayev plant. Moscow now has 3200 beer halls, bars and cafes to serve its population.

FIGHT BUDGET-BALANCING ON PEOPLE'S BACK

Progressive Has F.R. On Spot on Relief Appropriation

WASHINGTON—Budget-balancing is to take place on the backs of the unemployed, the farmers and working people generally, declared progressive members of Congress here, as they prepared to fight cuts in appropriations.

Rep. Boileau, Progressive of Wisconsin and floor leader of the Farmer-Labor-Progressive bloc in the House, scored the relief appropriation proposed by Roosevelt of \$1,500,000,000 as not providing for the needy.

What About It, Mr. President
He quoted the President as saying recently that one-third of the nation's population is ill clad and ill fed.

Progressive forces are prepared to fight for a works appropriation of at least \$2,500,000,000.

After Roosevelt's budget message, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace revealed the farmers will be hard hit if the administration budget slashes go over.

Taxing Rich Will Balance Budget

"If we haven't got the money to spend," said Wallace, "why, we'll just have to throw things overboard."

Taxing the rich to finance social measures for the people is advocated by scores of labor and farm organizations throughout the country.

San Francisco is Fastest Unionizing City in the West

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—According to a report by Labor Research Board, San Francisco for the past year has been unionizing faster than any other city in the west and will become a 100 per cent union town within two years.

SEN. P. G. E. SILLY SAYS:

"Let's bend the elbow, Congressman Bunko, for the good old days. Ah, the good old days when we could sit down at a table with the labor heads like good old Bill Green, and know we could iron out things to our satisfaction and his satisfaction, like gentlemen. What is this country coming to, sir, when such uncouth people as John L. Lewis, Francis Gorman, Harry Bridges and Joe Curran can speak for labor, and we have to listen?"

A Frank Close-Up of a Farmer-Labor Party

By CHARLES R. WALKER

The Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota has functioned actively for more than 15 years. It has four times elected a governor, the principal cities in the state have had Farmer-Labor mayors; and the party has accumulated an impressive number of senators and congressmen in Washington. Today it is no longer a "third party" but the first party of the state. It has lately won every state office save one and has control now of the lower house.

Today, sitting in state offices over in St. Paul, are scores of men who were flogged, tarred and feathered, and denounced as enemies of society in 1918. They were the fearless and self-sacrificing founders of the Farmer-Labor Party. In the same breath

Editorial Note

This article reprinted in part from The Nation of March 13 shows the real advantage of a Farmer-Labor Party and through outlining the Minnesota party's shortcomings shows those mistakes to be avoided in building a Farmer-Labor Party in California and in other states, as well as on a national scale.

It must be said that the occupants of the state office building and the governor's chambers, though they may have been radicals in 1918, now obey certain rules of the political game that have always governed in Minnesota or anywhere else.

Rank and File Control Needed
In 1930, when the Minnesota party "came to power," it was quite clear to the naked eye that there had been a transfer of power from the organizers, speakers, and ideologists for the cooperative commonwealth, who had led the movement in its earlier days, to the new "tops," the actual office-holders.

In any crisis even the "purest" of the rank and file deferred to this practical control.

If a ward club of the Farmer-

Labor Association charged betrayal of Farmer-Labor principles and threatened to bolt, the men in office held after all an irresistible whip of power. "Your criticisms are a tacit support of reaction. If you don't vote for candidate Smith, the Republicans will win." For a Farmer-Laborite that was enough.

Before the late Governor Olson died, there was a saying in Minnesota that the "pure Farmer-Laborite" is a man who tells you in private that Olson should be shot and Shipstead hung, and who goes out and works like the devil to elect them both.

Latimer Sold Out
The problem of disciplining reformist candidates for treason to principles is troubling many practical as well as idealistic members of the Minnesota party. The most glaring example of both the problem and its practical effect was the case of Thomas Latimer, Farmer-Labor Mayor of Minneapolis. Elected on a campaign pledge "never to use the police against striking workers," his chief of police shot and tear-gassed hundreds of pickets in the 1935 iron workers' strike. As if to prove that this was no accident, the mayor in person, under police protection, led a band of scabs through the picket line.

The fissure in the party between rank and file and the office-holders has already led to an active inner struggle between the administration and the association. The pivotal struggle has been over patronage. Governor Olson appointed as Director of Budget and Personnel the head of his All-Party Committee, a woman and a Republican, thus surrendering to the enemy the most strategic appointive post within the gift of the party. Under protest he finally replaced her by I. C. Strout, a practical Dutchman and strong association man, who discovered that 60 per cent of the state's office personnel were Republicans or Democrats!

Strout promptly took the position that all appointees should have the indorsement of the association through the candidate's

local Farmer-Labor club. The result was a vast influx into the association of "carpetbaggers" who wanted jobs in St. Paul—the association's membership rose in a few months from 3000 to 30,000. The solution having proved to be no solution at all, the indorsements were dropped.

"Vote-Getters" N. G.
Since 1930 appointee after appointee with no qualifications for office other than vote-getting ability has been given an important policy-making post despite the most strenuous protests from the faithful defenders of Farmer-Labor principles and from competent office-holders who were not open to the charge of office seeking. The struggle throws light on the dual nature of a reformist party, which is pulled in one direction by its constituency of farmers and workers and forced into an opposite one by the exigencies of practical politics.

Does all this imply that the party in Minnesota is "just like the two old parties"? By no means. Its all-important distinction from the two old capitalist parties is that it looks for major support to the workers and farmers and their organizations.

Senator Lundeen in his official party history maintains that more important than any legislative achievements of the party is its support of workers and farmers and their right to organize.

Organizations' Efforts
"It is probable," he remarks, "that more farms have been saved through the efforts of such an organization as the Farmers' Holiday Assn. than were saved by the mortgage-moratorium law."

Governor Olson time and again used the pressure of these economic groups to achieve results with a recalcitrant legislature, and the trade unions and farmer organizations with equal effectiveness brought pressure on him.

To put it sharply, a delegation of organized truck drivers or dirt farmers on whom the party depends for votes can force the hand of a Farmer-Labor governor up to a point. But contrari-

IN BERKELEY



RICHARD LUDLOW
Communist candidate for city councilman in the Berkeley municipal elections on May 4.

Unemployed Fight Trotskyism in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—Members of the Communist Party in the Workers' Alliance of Downtown Los Angeles, have adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, the Trotskyites in the Soviet Union have been the spearhead of counter-revolutionary activities resorting to murder, sabotage, espionage and treasonable plots with the fascist enemy for dismembering the Soviet Union and destroying its Socialist victories, and have confessed their act when confronted with the damning evidence of their guilt, and

Whereas, the Trotskyites in every land are taking their logical place alongside the most reactionary forces working to disrupt the broad movement of the people against fascism and war, seeking by mock revolutionary words to confuse the forces of democracy, progress and peace, and

Whereas, in Los Angeles County the Trotskyites under various disguises are working to bring dissension and ruin into the great organizational drive in the trade unions and unemployed movement and to disrupt the emerging Farmer-Labor Party movement thus playing into the hands of the most reactionary groups in the United States, and

Whereas, in Los Angeles and in the harbor cities the Trotskyites completely dominate and boss the Socialist Party and create constant disruption in certain Workers Alliance locals, and

Therefore, be it resolved, that we members of the Communist Party in the Workers Alliance of Downtown Los Angeles, holding their meeting this 19th day of April 1937, go on record as denouncing and condemning the Trotskyites under whatever name they may try to hide, as dangerous enemies of the working class and the people's enemies with whom no compromise is possible; and be it further

Resolved that we under take as a Revolutionary duty to expose all the treacherous disruptive activities of these Trotskyites so that the workers will recognize them as traitors and agents of fascism and will drive them from all contact with the labor movement.

PROFITEERING S. F. RAILWAY UNSATISFIED

Market Street Corp. Cries for Seven-Cent Fare

SAN FRANCISCO—Samuel P. Kahn, president of the Market St. Railway, broke down and cried on the shoulder of the California Railroad Commission last week that the company just had to have a seven-cent fare.

Adept at concealing profits, the railway said it owed \$1,900,000, and would have to have the estimated revenue increase of \$350,000 which would roll in, despite an estimated passenger drop of 45 per cent.

Would Rob Public More
Kahn said the company had not taken into consideration that the Municipal Railway would have difficulty absorbing the additional passenger load.

The Market St. Railway is known to have wrung big profits out of the people of San Francisco during its years of existence.

People's Lobby Hits Anti-Labor Bills at Sacto.

The People's Lobby, organized by the California People's Legislative Conference, has mailed out copies of a resolution directed against two major reactionary bills passed by the State Senate, as follows:

"Whereas, reactionary interests have obtained passage in the State Senate of two vicious anti-labor bills (the Crittenden Bill, S.B. 166, and the Biggar Bill, S.B. 241), and

Whereas, peaceful settlement of labor disputes by voluntary arbitration can always be obtained by agreement of the parties concerned, and special legislation on these matters is proposed only by those who wish to set up a governmental body for propaganda against the workers, and

Whereas, there has been passed by the Assembly the "Yorty" Bill (A.B. 538), which guarantees the right of collective bargaining to all workers in the state and which represents the modern and progressive type of legislation on labor relations, therefore be it

Resolved, that this organization condemns all so-called voluntary arbitration and mediation bills and condemns any attempt to write in mediation and arbitration clauses into the Yorty Bill, and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to Assemblyman Gene Flint, chairman of the Assembly Committee on Capital and Labor; to Senator Culbert L. Olson, chairman of the Senate Committee on Capital and Labor; to the Governor, to Edward D. Vandeleur, Legislative representative of the State Federation of Labor, and to the press."

IOWA MOVING TO FARMER-LABOR PARTY

DES MOINES, Iowa—This state has joined the ranks of those moving toward a Farmer-Labor Party. The Progressive League of Iowa has issued an appeal to all Iowa unionists, liberals and progressives to join in a movement that will seek to carry the state for the Farmer-Labor Progressive cause in 1938.

CAPITALISTS' PRESS LIED ON C. S. PAROLES

Attempt to Sabotage Act to Repeal Anti-Labor Law

SACRAMENTO—Reactionary attempts to defeat the bill repealing the Criminal Syndicalism Act, now before the State Legislature, were responsible for false reports that three of the Sacramento C. S. victims—Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson and Jack Crane—had been granted parole, it was charged here.

The false reports appeared in capitalist newspapers throughout the state.

Only W. W. Printed Truth

Only the Western Worker carried the correct information—that the anti-labor Board of Prison Terms and Paroles had given the three labor prisoners stiff sentences of five years each. Crane was given possibility of six months' parole on this sentence, which with time off for "good behavior," would release him from San Quentin Penitentiary in February, 1938. Chambers and Wilson were given possibility of six months' parole, which with "good behavior," would release them in May, 1938.

Compensation Bill Is Recommended

SACRAMENTO—The Assembly's insurance committee has recommended for passage A. B. 188, which would liberalize the Workers' Compensation Insurance Act in regard to benefit payments.

Under the bill, disability payments start immediately from date of injury, allow temporary disability payments as well as permanent payments, and increase the death benefits allowable from \$5000 to \$7500.

San Francisco
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67 Fourth St., Cor. Jessie, S. F.

'CRUSADERS' CORRUPTING SCHOOL KIDS

SACRAMENTO—The "California Crusaders," fascist-minded organization, is busy corrupting the school children in the San Joaquin Valley, trying to instill vigilante ideas. It recently conducted a public speaking contest on "American Citizenship and What It Means to Me." The Crusaders' ideas on this subject are notoriously anti-labor, anti-democratic.

This fascist set-up is conducting a regional contest in San Francisco, to which the winner of this contest, Billy Mayer of Grant Union High School, is to go.

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FARMERS ARE FORECLOSED BY U. S. BANK

Federal Land Banks Show Profit From Farm Misery

By FARM RESEARCH, INC.

More farm foreclosures were completed by the 12 Federal Land Banks in 1936 than in any previous year. They foreclosed on a total of 13,571 farms as compared with 11,438 in 1935, the previous high year.

At the end of 1936, another 5063 foreclosures were pending. This figure is higher than for any other year except 1935, at the end of which time 7181 foreclosures were pending.

The Federal Land Bank owned "more farms and sheriff's certificates at the end of 1936 than in any previous year. As of December 31, they held 29,075 properties as compared with 27,516 at the same time in 1935 and 12,629 in 1931.

Farmers Unable to Pay
Other figures put out by the Federal Land Banks also show that despite the slight increase in farm income, thousands of debt-burdened farmers have not been able to meet their payments. During the month of December, 1936, the Federal Land Banks were due \$40,800,178 but managed to collect only 25.6 per cent of this amount. They extended 6 per cent of this amount during the month and foreclosed on 2 per cent, thus leaving 66 per cent delinquent.

On mortgage loans only, the Federal Land Banks reported \$19,925,054 as owed during December, 1936, but farmers were able to pay only 40 per cent of this amount, or \$7,996,357.

Profits From Farmers' Misery
Despite the high level of delinquencies, the Federal Land Banks report a net profit for the year of \$21,406,509. In fact, all divisions of the Farm Credit Administration report a profit for the year. The Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation showed a balance transferred to reserve totaling \$11,207,384 and the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks had an increase in surplus amounting to \$2,423,813.

With many state moratoria expiring and with the federal moratorium now facing an upset before the U. S. Supreme Court, unless that body is changed, the need for effective relief on the part of farmers is even greater now than in 1936.

In 1880, there were 1,000,000 tenant farmers; in 1900, 2,000,000 tenant farmers; in 1935, 3,000,000 tenant farmers.

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SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

WHAT IS THE Industrial Association of San Francisco, and what has it got to do with the present jurisdictional dispute between the IILA and the Teamsters' Union? To answer this, we must trace the threads of a long-standing friendship between the Industrial Association and the top officials of the Teamsters Union.

William M. Hines, former publisher of the "San Francisco Bulletin," once described the Association as a super-chamber of commerce which "has organized for its anti-labor fight on a five-year plan. Funds have been solicited from members, all of whom are assured that their subscription cards will be discounted immediately by the banks and that pledges need not be paid in full until 1939."

When appearing before the President's Mediation Board in July, 1934, Harry Bridges described this as "strikebreaking on the installment plan."

The Labor Council, in its 1934 General Strike resolution, referred to "the vicious and unwarranted attacks now being unleashed upon a substantial portion of its membership by the shipowners and their notorious strikebreaking agency, the Industrial Association of San Francisco."

The Association itself was hurt to the quick by this resolution, and when reproducing it in their official record, compiled by Paul Elie, they carefully deleted the name of their organization.

NOW LET US turn to page 86 of the Industrial Association's official record. It seems the employers were making a major effort to get the Government to intervene against the maritime strikers in 1934. Madame Perkins refused to listen to their wild accusations that the strike was a Communist revolution. Additional pressure was needed, so:

"The Association requested Michael Casey (president of the Teamsters' Union) to call at the office and discuss this problem, with members of the Association's staff. Mr. Casey, with whom the Association has for many years had relations of the friendliest kind, immediately responded to the request. The entire situation was discussed and it was finally suggested to Mr. Casey that the most practical method for securing adequate presentation of the facts and difficulties to the Secretary of Labor would be for him to communicate directly with William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor at Washington, and ask him in turn to lay the facts before the Secretary of Labor. Mr. Casey agreed to these suggestions and the long distance call for Mr. Green was put in over the Industrial Association wire. Mr. Green agreed to get in touch with the Secretary of Labor at the earliest opportunity to lay the facts before her as they had been outlined by Mr. Casey and advise Mr. Casey of the results. On the following day Mr. Casey informed the Association that Mr. Green had contacted with the Secretary of Labor and discussed the situation with her and that Mr. Green felt sure that there would at least be no further misunderstanding in the Secretary's mind as to the basic problems which confronted San Francisco."

MOST strikebreaking organizations in the past have consisted largely of plug-uglies and ex-cons and have conducted their business in an atmosphere of gangsterism. Not so with the Industrial Association. Here everything is characterized by the utmost refinement and "good breeding." The vulgar word "strikebreaking" is never used. Instead they refer to their activities as the "American Plan Promotion."

The "American Plan Promotion" is under the direction of Mr. James K. Carr, who also conducts the "intelligence bureau." ("Intelligence bureau" is a refined substitution for the coarse and offensive word "stool-pigeon.") In 1934, the American Civil Liberties Union investigated the "American Plan Promotion" conducted by Mr. Carr and learned:

"The task of this official in ordinary times is to promote the hiring of non-union workers wherever possible in order to protect the open-shop policy."

The friendly relations of "labor leader" Michael Casey with such an organization may seem very strange. But there are stranger things than that, as you will discover by reading this column next issue.

(To Be Continued.)

Reminiscences

Labor and Socialism in California

By J. E. SNYDER

Debs in this other letter published in the "Oakland World" in November 1910, twenty-seven years ago, is a good measuring stick for those who would predict the rapid rise of labor victory and the collapse of the enemy just by the event of an election outcome.

The headline: "Dawn of New Era." Sub-head: "This Is What Comrade Debs Sees in the Election Returns in Milwaukee." The election of Victor Berger in Wisconsin and the near-election of five other Socialists to Congress, an odd thirty-five representatives to the state legislature means the dawn of a new era in American politics.

"For the first time the working class will have a representative in the American Congress, elected on a working class platform of a working class emancipation."

"From now on in every succeeding election the Socialist Party, the political expression of the rising working class, will increase the number of its representatives in Congress and in all the state legislatures until it has a majority and then it will wrest the powers of government from the capitalist class and establish an industrial democracy."

"All the forces that are now playing upon society are operating to this inevitable end. In proportion as the capitalist system is outgrown and breaking down, the political parties representing that system are breaking down."

"The Republican and Democratic parties are both torn into factions and never can be harmonized again on any progressive national basis. More and more will their impotency, to deal with the great new vital issues of the day, become manifest to the people, while upon the other hand, the rising Socialist party, born of the travail of capitalism and

THEATRE UNION WILL PRODUCE 'MICE AND MEN'

The S.F. Theater Union not only acquired its own theater last week, but it is about to present a play by John Steinbeck, which presents the meager opportunity for life of the itinerant agricultural worker.

In the renovated Green Street theater in North Beach, "Of Mice and Men," the moving drama of human loneliness, adapted from the book of the same title, will open Friday evening, April 30, for a run of limited weekends.

Strong Reminder

At the time of the recent Salinas lettuce strike, the S.F. News published a series of agricultural articles by Steinbeck concerning migratory workers. While the play "Of Mice and Men" does not directly concern the migratory workers, who are making tremendous strides toward organization in California, this play deals with individuals participating as transient grain field workers in the vicinity of Salinas.

Steinbeck has produced four books of contemporary importance in "Tortilla Flat," "In Dubious Battle," "To a God Unknown," and "The Pastures of Heaven." None, however, has achieved the distinction of "Of Mice and Men," which commanded the most cynical of critics to stand up and make a bow. "Of Mice and Men" was declared by Christopher Morley to be a masterpiece, written in purest compassion and truth, while to Heywood Brown, Steinbeck bears the stamp of genius.

Briefly, "Of Mice and Men" is a simple tale of two bindle stiffs who take a job on a ranch bucking barley. Together they have a single aim, the desire of ranch workers "to live 'off the ranch land'." George, the sturdy protector of the massive Lennie, describes over and over again this mutual dream which never materializes.

A small number of reserved tickets will go in sale after April 15 at Sherman, Clay & Co. William Farley, president of the Theater Union, announced yesterday that several organizations had already arranged to sponsor individual performances.

25 CENTS IS SCALE SET ON COTTON LABOR

FRESNO — Twenty-five cents an hour is the starvation basic scale set by cotton growers in the San Joaquin river valley. A basic rate of \$1 an acre for cotton chopping was also set. The need for organization is thus strikingly shown.

CARRY BECKER FIGHT TO U.S. SUPREME CT.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Plans are being made to carry the fight for the freedom of Ray Becker to the U. S. Supreme Court, S. P. Stevens, Portland union leader, announced.

BENITO FARM LABOR FACES VIGILANTISM

HOLLISTER — San Benito County—A campaign is under way to band San Benito county farmers into a vigilante Associated Farmers' unit.

Jack Anderson, big pear grower, said the aim was to "keep labor peace"—in reality to keep low wage scales. Hank Strobel and Police Chief Griffin of Salinas ill fame, addressed the farmers.

How Many Did You Answer?

- 1—By more than 75 per cent.
- 2—San Francisco Cigar-makers' Union, 1874.
- 3—The Ludlow massacre of coal miners, when the Colorado militia fired into strikers' tents (April 20, 1914).
- 4—The layoff of 100 union members, many of them shop stewards and union leaders.
- 5—Thomas Jefferson.

times. He "loved the enemy." The other letter about Milwaukee speaks for itself. The Socialist party did not become what he wrote and the election returns at the last election do not indicate that the two old parties are as yet dead even after twenty-seven years. The state legislatures are still in the hands of the capitalist parties. The Socialist party has no representation in congress.

If Debs were here now I am sure he'd be happy to see the great advance toward industrial unionism and the rapid organization of labor in all fields on land and sea.

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MEN AND WOMEN collective farmers near Stalingrad, on the lower Volga, celebrate over-fulfilment of crops.

From the Lincoln Battalion in Spain

American Volunteers Fight for Democracy

Dear Comrade—

I am writing these few lines just to let you know that I am well, and hope to hear the same from you.

I hope that you are still carrying on campaigns to fight against war and fascism, because we are fighting with rifles and machine guns right in the trenches. Therefore, you know what we need in order to fire these machine guns.

I hope that our comrades will realize the necessity of distributing leaflets, and the selling of

"The sympathies of this country and the benefits of its position should be exerted in favor of the people of every nation struggling to be free." —Abraham Lincoln.

These letters are written by American volunteers, fighting in Spain against the invasion of fascism. Support by sending money for candy, cigarettes, newspapers, books, magazines. The Western Worker will forward any such contributions.

literature. I hope that our comrades do not become insulted about my remarks because I am not speaking about those that do a lot of work, but about those who are afraid to distribute leaflets or sell literature for fear of the police.

Comrades, you must strengthen your activities in order to crush the forces of fascism. We are in the trenches day and night, in the rain and in the sun, but the artillery never ceases. Our rifle and machine gun fire answers bullet for bullet, and our spirit cannot be crushed.

Pick 'n' Shovel Poems

Cancan Music

By REB. RANEY

Some blue blood was telling a story to garbage,
That hoisted a smell, when the scavenger came.
The scavenger, fazed not at all, by the greeting,
Went on with his dumping, with accurate aim.

The blue blood and garbage, up high on the wagon,
Established themselves in a balcony box,
And soon all the odors, that clustered around them,
Were listening in, o'er a pair of coarse socks.

"My ancestors, they were the kings and the princes,"
Cried blue blood, enlivened by onion-juice soak.
"They reigned, all my people, and died full of honors,
"Not one of them common, like Workingclass folk."

The scavenger, singing a strain from La Tosca,
Kept driving along, with a smile in his eyes.
How marvelous, Life, with its music and laughter!
No wonder the struggle to live never dies!

California A Working Class History By Ned Dahl

WITH marauding raids on Mexican army horses and other provocative steps in 1846, the Americans in California had already gone too far for half-way actions, and it was felt by the Polk administration that now as good a time as any to move toward completing separation of California from Mexico.

Encouraged by General Fremont, himself illegally in the Mexican province, Ezekiel Merritt's company of Americans began an advance on Sonoma. Mariano Vallejo, the most dominant figure among the Californians, made Sonoma his home. He had always displayed the utmost friendship toward the American traders, and it was with great surprise that the General awoke on the morning of June 14 to find his family surrounded by a band of 33 armed Americans—Merritt's men.

Vallejo and his confederates capitulated and were sent to Fremont's camp as prisoners. The Republic of California—the crea-

ture of American merchant capital—was soon brought into being.

The "revolutionists" had meanwhile deposed Merritt and set up one William B. Ide as their leader. A flag for the new Republic was adopted—in the upper left-hand corner, a five-pointed star in red, and facing the star a grizzly bear.

The bear gave both flag and the Republic its familiar name. Ide drew up a statement of principles which he considered the basis of a future constitution for the Republic.

Before long the Ide movement was considerably reinforced by Americans from Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay area. Fremont resigned his U. S. army commission and openly joined the uprising.

Current FILMS

MARKED WOMAN A (First National Production)

Occasionally an Atherton report is permitted to see the light of day, with its revelations of graft—protected vice to make your blood boil. And occasionally Hollywood makes a picture, as it does in "Marked Woman," combining skill in direction and acting, to show us the plight of the girls who fall into the clutches of the vice-rings that are among the numerous little by-products of the system we live under.

In neither the Atherton reports nor in "Marked Woman" is there so much as an innuendo that higher-ups and the "best of all possible systems" may have something to do with vice. "Marked Woman" is the story, always movingly presented, of a group of night-club hostesses held by dint of gangster terrorism in a state of virtual bondage. The brush of whitewash is even more generously applied in the film than in the daily press when the latter deals with such sordid situations.

Nevertheless fine direction and acting make the picture worth seeing. Particularly did this reviewer come away thankful that for every dozen Barbara Stanwycks and Carole Lombards, there is at least one Bette Davis. Here's a performance exceptionally well-done.

Hollywood, it seems, has doomed the able Eduardo Cienfuegos, of Trock Estrella fame in "Wintersea," to the ultimate oblivion that results from typing, in Cienfuegos' case gangsters-tying.

WAIKIKI WEDDING (A Paramount Production)

Bing Crosby should be looked on as not a mere crooner, but a fellow who can sing with some degree of ability. Though this isn't Bing's best, Bing's songs in "Waikiki Wedding" are as tuneful and as plentiful as they were in "Pennies From Heaven."

It's a grand satire of the Hawaii pineapple kings, and the synthetic pineapple princesses whisked up via the contest route. Bing's a publicity agent who'd much rather hide himself out on a boat and sing than paint pineapple land as a paradise. And there's Bob Burns and Wofford to tickle the appendix. Wofford, in case you don't know it, is Bob Burns' pig. You'll laugh loud, heartily and often.

HISTORY IS MADE AT NIGHT

Very little, in fact no history is made in this one, and very little impression. Jean Arthur spends a good part of your (we hope) valuable time in fleeing from a psychopathic ship-owning husband. We've seen Jean Arthur do far better than in "History Is Made At Night."

Even to Paris is she pursued by the ship magnate, and rescued from the well-known worse than death fate by the excellent Charles Boyer.

While we don't count ship-owners among our favorite characters, it was a bit preposterous, even for the movies, to see a shipowner order his most palatial liner to destroy itself.

CIO AND AFL COOPERATE IN NEVADA CITY

NEVADA CITY — The CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union has pledged its full support to the AFL in organizing Nevada County crafts. The Sacramento Labor Council has pledged full support to the CIO.

TEXTILE CONTRACTS WON

NEW YORK—As 50 organizers opened the southern unionization drive from North Carolina to the Gulf of Mexico, the Textile Workers Organizing Committee announced agreements won for 15,000 workers.

By this act, the suspicion already widely existent, that the United States government was behind the uprising, was justifiably strengthened.

The measures against the revolt were unavailing. Shortly after, the outbreak of the war with Mexico overshadowed the Bear Flag Revolt, and made its further spread unnecessary, as far as American Merchant capital's purposes were concerned.

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Soviet Comedy to be Played on Peninsula

REDWOOD CITY—"Squaring the Circle," Valentine Katayev's amusing satire on matrimony in the Soviet Union, will be presented here in the auditorium of Sequoia Union High School on May 1 at 8 p.m. The cast is composed of members of the Masquers, honorary dramatic group. Admission, 25 cents.

Notes on the Soviet Union;
Reviews of Current Films

Your Health

COOPERATIVE MEDICINE

RECENTLY the Eastbay Inter-Professional Association held an instructive symposium on "Cooperative Medicine." Many interesting angles on this subject were discussed, including an explanation of Socialized Medicine; a description of the new-born San Francisco Medical Cooperative; what farm women are doing to force improvement of rural county medical service; and a leading medical scientist told of efforts to win improvement of medical service for WPA workers.

Ability to Pay
During the general discussion, it was brought out that a medical cooperative must necessarily appeal only to those people who are still able to pay for their own medical and hospital

lead to a division of the better-situated workers from the unemployed within the movement for cooperative medicine. State Medicine in the same manner that cooperatives in general are considered by many to make Socialism unnecessary.

Has Limitations
In my opinion, this danger is very real, as many sincere people within the cooperative movement become blinded to the fact that they are working within the capitalist system and that their field of operation is therefore very limited.

In order to avoid this, a medical cooperative should sooner or later take a stand in favor of socialized state medicine and help in the movement toward this end. It could unite with and assist other organizations interested in this movement and thereby avoid splitting the different section of the working class.

Strong Argument
Of course, we must remember that even the very existence of a successful medical cooperative is a strong argument for socialized medicine. It is possible to practice a highly-organized form of group-medicine, with all of its splendid benefits, under such a cooperative; and the spreading of costs which it achieves, shows the advantage of the state paying for the entire set-up.

Dr. Franklin E. Bissell

danger was pointed out that such cooperatives might be held up as an easy substitute for Socialized care. The medical scientist expressed the concern that the cooperative might, because of this,

Soviet Notes

Wages Rise and Prices Go Down

Your vacation? Oh, yeah!

The Soviet government will spend this year about 50 million rubles (10 million dollars) on new vacation resorts for their workers. And that besides a large program of extension and improvements in the old ones.

Of course your boss, Congressman, Assemblyman, Mayor, Governor, Congressman, Senator and President saw to it already. Your raise in wages is provided for, what? Not yet?

Well, the Central Executive Committee and Council of People's Commissars of the USSR have already arranged the 1937 raise for Soviet workers (Hearst still says they are starving!)

Heavy industries 8.0 per cent raise compared with 1936.

Light industries 6.4 per cent raise compared with 1936.

Woodworking 4.5 per cent raise compared with 1936.

Lumber 25.0 per cent raise compared with 1936.

Food 4.3 per cent raise compared with 1936.

Local industries 5.4 per cent raise compared with 1936.

General average 7.4 per cent raise compared with 1936.

And they did not have to strike for it, or even demand it! They own both the government and the industries.

Another Angle

Well, you are in the CIO union. You did strike. You won? You got your raise . . . does your raise mean in purchasing power?

The Soviet government ordered prices lowered:

Heavy industries 4.5 per cent prices reduced.

Light industries 1.6 per cent prices reduced.

Woodworking 7.5 per cent prices reduced.

Lumber 4.5 per cent prices reduced.

Food 0.6 per cent prices reduced.

Local 4.6 per cent prices reduced.

Add the drop in prices to the raise in wages and you will clearly understand the following statements: higher wages . . . shorter hours . . . lower prices . . . greater purchasing power . . . greater consumption.

On the Upgrade

"Soviet Industry on the whole was very successful in 1936. It has increased its volume of production an average of 28.4 per cent over 1935. The planned increase was 23 per cent."

Overproduction . . . crisis . . . unemployment!!

What? No unemployment? No WPA?

"The number of workers and employees (1936) was greater by over one million than in the previous year. And every factory, plant, mill and mine are still short of help."

The plan for 1937, the final year of the Second Five Year Plan, provides for the following expansion and increase of production:

1. General 20 per cent increase over the industrial volume of 1936.

2. Lower industrial production costs—3.1 per cent.

3. Spend for capital works (new plants, mills and other permanent improvements)—8,867,000,000 rouble.

Abundance
Great increases are ordered in

practically all Soviet industries. An enormously increased program is planned for Soviet agriculture, in order to provide the people with greater abundance of all foodstuffs and agricultural products and by-products. Every branch of industry is to increase its productivity in order to make greater quantities of consumers goods available at still lower prices.

Of course all these are to bring greater comfort and a higher standard of living—the main purpose of the Soviet government. To that end they have appropriated:

Two and a half billion roubles for residential buildings.

Two billion roubles for communal buildings.

A half billion roubles for repairs on buildings.

Seventeen cities are to have new water supply systems.

Ten cities are to have new sewer systems.

The third section of the Moscow subway will go into construction.

The following social and cultural improvements are scheduled for 1937:

Labor: About 26,320,000 workers are to be employed. This is an employment increase of 2.1 per cent over 1936. Average pay for 1937 is to be 7.4 per cent greater than in 1936.

Health preservation: The appropriation is nearly 2 billion roubles higher than in 1936.

Education: Appropriations for 1937 are about 4 1/2 billion roubles higher than in 1936.

Arts and Sciences: Appropriations, 130 million roubles higher than in 1936.

In Spite of . . .
All these achievements were made in spite of the criminal activities of the German-Japanese-Trotskyist constant sabotage. In addition to all these achievements, the Soviet Union has today one of the most powerful armies in the world, the greatest aviation forces, enormously fortified borders.

The Red Army, Navy and Aviation composed of workers and peasants and run by them, know just what they are facing. The entire country is enthusiastically back of them. Even old "White Guard" officers in San Francisco, brag nowadays about "our Russian army."

By the way, can you imagine how most of these ex-Russians of the old White Guard army must feel today in Paris?

Quite a number are where you would expect them—in the ranks of the mercenary Foreign Legion with Franco, with Hitler, and Mussolini. But, most of the younger element are on the side of the United Front. L'Humanite reports the formation of a Russian battalion composed of ex-White Guards, now anti-Fascists.

Cosmos
The Palace of Soviets will be set on its own huge plaza, unobstructed.

Abundance
Great increases are ordered in

The Wagner Act Decision as Seen by Los Angeles Progressive Leaders; The Railroad Unions and the Supreme Court; ARTA Still an Integral Unit of the Maritime Federation; Arizona and Texas Set Up Agricultural Organization Committees; OTHER LABOR NEWS ON REGULAR NEWS PAGES

LOS ANGELES LABOR LEADERS, PROGRESSIVES HAIL WAGNER ACT DECISION OF HIGH COURT

Gallagher Says People Must Not, However, Let Up in Vigilance; Must Back Proposals For Supreme Court Reform

LOS ANGELES—The recent decisions of the Supreme Court, upholding the Wagner Labor Relations Act, have evoked widespread and enthusiastic approval from trade unionists and progressives in the city.

Said J. W. Gillette, of the Musicians' Union, Local 47:

"They are the most important decisions ever handed down for labor. If the labor movement doesn't take advantage of them, it will be labor's own loss. They should prove to be a great impetus toward organization of the unorganized."

In a statement to the press, the League of Women Shoppers stated:

"The League of Women Shoppers is delighted with the recent Supreme Court decision on the Wagner Labor Relations Act. The League believes that the welfare of a community is greatly benefited when collective bargaining between worker and employer is guaranteed. It is only through fair labor conditions that quality merchandise is produced and buying power augmented."

From the Central Labor Council, H. B. McMurray, assistant secretary of the Council, said:

"The decision on what interstate commerce is will result in opening a lot of avenues that we haven't been able to enter, such as airplane manufacturing, oil well supply plants and auto parts manufacturing. We can now go forward organizing among the men, and the employers will have to talk to us."

Leo Gallagher, noted labor attorney for the International Labor Defense, declared:

"The five decisions of the Supreme Court upholding the Wagner Act are of the greatest historic importance. These decisions will greatly facilitate progressive unionism in the United States."

The about-face of the Supreme Court strikingly demonstrates the fact that this is a government of men and not of laws. This about-face also proves the tremendous importance of mass pressure. There cannot be a shadow of a doubt but that the court would have declared the Wagner Act unconstitutional had it not been for the mobilization of all progressive forces behind the President in his demand for a liberalized Supreme Court.

The people must not, however, believe that they may now let up in their vigilance. It is necessary that all progressive forces redouble their efforts in support of the President's program for reform of the Supreme Court.

"Only by taking away from the Supreme Court the power to nullify the people's will as expressed in the acts of Congress will our democratic rights be secure."

Another well-known liberal attorney, Carey McWilliams, declared:

"It will stiffen the labor movement and enable organizers to maintain better discipline. It could not have been better timed for the CIO. It marks the beginning of a liberal trend in the court."

By a Farmer
PHITO, Mendocino County—The Associated Farmers are not farmers. This organization is a gang of cut-throat thieves and robbers with stooge-pieces and professional liars who are deceiving the public and despoiling both farmers and workers.

The Associated Farmers is an organization whose object is to create a fascist state similar to that of Germany and Italy, whereby Wall St. will rule by actual force and dictatorship, with a hired army of thugs, gangsters and traitors.

The Associated Farmers are back of all vigilante tactics and violence in this state. They know they cannot win by the law, so they use brute force.

CHAMBER FOR SAN DIEGO BAN ON SITDOWNS
SAN DIEGO—A local law against sitdown strikes has been asked of the city council here by the Pacific Beach Chamber of Commerce. Assistant City Attorney Daniel states such an ordinance would not be effective. The city attorney's office has been asked to state its opinion on the question.

Business Agent Bob Says...
Senator George M. Biggar expressed surprise that labor leaders were opposing his Industrial Court Bill, which would also outlaw sitdown strikes.

Maybe he was no more surprised than some of the more reactionary labor leaders themselves.

STRIKE VICTORY



PRES. MERVYN RATHBORNE, of the American Radio Telegraphers Assn., whose call for a general strike on Intl. Mercantile Marine ships on East Coast won a closed shop, improved conditions and higher wages, for ARTA and for rank and file East Coast seamen. ARTA is now in CIO, conducting campaign to organize 250,000 communications workers.

Matty Woll, as seen by Delegate Trotter, Typographical Union at the 1935 AFL convention in Tampa.

"Our friend Mr. Woll states that (although he qualified for the bar) he did not practice law. I think that is a great pity, because he might have continued along that line and he would have formed an admirable candidate for the Supreme Court as at present constituted."

Today we are getting about half and even less than what we ought to get to earn a living. Plenty of the girls have to help at home and 17 cents an hour is a starvation wage. We want to thank the Voice of Labor for taking up our fight and telling the truth about the conditions in the laundries. We want a strong union like the longshoremen in Hilo—and we're going to get it too.

From a Laundry Worker
HILO, Hawaii—Great news from the laundry girls in Hilo, who have just won their first strike—and a sit-down strike at that.

We have learned now that we must organize and get strong if we are going to win better conditions over here. That is why we are going right ahead and organize a laundry girls union—just like they have on the coast.

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Threaten Sta. Ana Relief Clients
SANTA ANA, Orange County—State relief administration officials who refuse to take starvation wage jobs in agriculture will be stricken from the rolls, an ultimatum by Charles Faller, national reemployment service manager, states.

Thirty per cent of the men have turned down the low-paid jobs.

Up In Arms
Six other workers were arrested by Sheriff Haskin's 225 deputized growers and small business men when they refused to go back to work for the growers' wage of 25 cents per hamper.

According to workers here, "the men are up in arms" about Van Wormer's continuing to prefer charges against Mensalves and Bushnell.

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN MATEO—At our last city councilman election here, Carl Barnes, president and business agent of the Milkwagon Drivers' Union in San Francisco and San Mateo County, moved to endorse Amie Stein for city councilman.

The president of the Labor Council, McAllister, supported Barnes by stating that he had investigated the charges of the ILA against Stein by calling up Harry Lundberg, of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, who put the O. K. on Stein by saying that he could not see why the ILA should holler, as they used to carry a "Blue Book" themselves.

BIG OIL UNION DRIVE
HOUSTON, Tex.—President Harvey C. Freming, of Intl. Assn. of Oil Field, Gas Well & Refinery Workers, arrived here, officially launching the drive to unionize more than a million oil workers.

RADIO TELEGRAPHERS, NOW IN CIO, REMAIN AS HARMONIOUS UNIT OF MARINE FEDERATION

Jordan in Charge of Communications Drive In Los Angeles Area; Offices Are Set Up for Campaign

SAN PEDRO—The American Radio Telegraphers' Association, member of the maritime federation, joined Wednesday, April 14, the forces of the Committee for Industrial Organization, union spokesmen in San Pedro announced.

Allaying reports that this move would affect the unity of the maritime federation, Volney P. Matheson, publicity head of the union, said:

Still Federation Unit
"The ARTA's affiliation with the CIO will not prevent our continuing to function as a unit of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, nor will it have any bearing on our working agreement with the shipowners which resulted from the shipping strike."

"The maritime locals will continue to function harmoniously in the federation regardless of whether they are CIO or AFL unions."

C. H. Jordan, secretary of the union, has been named organizing representative in this area for electrical workers in the communications, public utility, and manufacturing industries.

Offices for an organizational drive have been set up in the San Fernando building at Fourth and Main streets, Los Angeles.

D. A. BROKE AGREEMENT

Promised to Dismiss Charges in Nipomo

LOS ANGELES—Strong resentment among workers here is meeting District Attorney Van Wormer's refusal to dismiss charges against C. D. Mensalves, secretary of the Filipino Labor Union, and E. D. Bushnell, labor reporter, arrested during the recent pea pickers' strike on faked charges of "disturbance of the peace."

Despite the district attorney's agreement, when the strike was "settled," to dismiss charges against all workers arrested during the strike, charges are still being maintained against Mensalves and Bushnell.

At the Nipomo Justice Court, both of them pleaded not guilty and were released on \$125 bail. The league of women shoppers is to participate in a series of inspection tours through the wholesale fruit and vegetable markets, League announcements report.

For some time the Market Workers' Union has been attempting to negotiate with market dealers, in efforts to reduce working hours, raise wages and better working conditions. Recently the employers voted to form a committee to consider the union demands.

Also under way by the League, to be published shortly, is a report upon investigations of local dairies carried on by League representatives.

Call E. Bay News Boys to Unionize
OAKLAND—On Tuesday night, April 27, a mass meeting was held for the purpose of organizing the Oakland news boys into a union. A notice distributed to the news boys told them:

"Boys, now is the time to join a union. Unionize and have the support of all organized labor behind you in your fight for the right to earn a living wage."

"You boys have the same right to demand a decent living wage as your union brothers in other union organizations. Boys, it is up to you to attend this mass meeting to assure yourselves of union recognition. Do not fail to come and hear our speakers and gain an insight into a great union organization drive."

A New Chemical Local, C. Costa
RICHMOND—Chalk up another gain for Contra Costa organized labor—this time a new local in the chemical industry.

It's Chemical Workers No. 286. Honor for the union's coming into existence goes to Barney Anderline, vice-president of the Contra Costa Central Labor Council. The charter for the new local has been here for a month now. It covers workers in Wheeler-Reynolds and Stauffer Chemical companies.

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GYP PICKERS ON SCALES

Pea Pickers Find 70% 'Fixed'

GOLETA, Santa Barbara County—Charging that 70 per cent of the weighing scales used in the pea fields by contractors, are "fixed," J. A. Davis, ex-president of the American Agricultural Union of San Diego County, declared last April 10:

"I know of several instances where the pea pickers are cheated from five to ten pounds per hamper."

The Department of Weights and Measures should investigate this existing practice," he added. Despite the scarcity of work, the contractors continue to demand more laborers and herd them in insanitary camps. Kitchens and sleeping rooms are filthy and in most cases there is only one water hydrant for two or more camps.

Pea pickers are paid 25 cents per hamper. Usually they work only two or three hours a day. Out of their wages, they must pay for board and room, and ten cents for transportation. In some cases, fifteen cents is charged where the workers have to travel several miles to work.

Shoppers Aid L.A. Market Union
LOS ANGELES—Aroused by the protests of the Wholesale Market Workers' Union against the conditions under which employees are forced to work, the League of Women Shoppers is to participate in a series of inspection tours through the wholesale fruit and vegetable markets, League announcements report.

For some time the Market Workers' Union has been attempting to negotiate with market dealers, in efforts to reduce working hours, raise wages and better working conditions. Recently the employers voted to form a committee to consider the union demands.

Also under way by the League, to be published shortly, is a report upon investigations of local dairies carried on by League representatives.

Call E. Bay News Boys to Unionize
OAKLAND—On Tuesday night, April 27, a mass meeting was held for the purpose of organizing the Oakland news boys into a union. A notice distributed to the news boys told them:

"Boys, now is the time to join a union. Unionize and have the support of all organized labor behind you in your fight for the right to earn a living wage."

"You boys have the same right to demand a decent living wage as your union brothers in other union organizations. Boys, it is up to you to attend this mass meeting to assure yourselves of union recognition. Do not fail to come and hear our speakers and gain an insight into a great union organization drive."

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POINT OF ORDER

A Trade Union Column
By Slim

THE decision of the Aluminum Workers Union to affiliate with the CIO is an important example of the policy of the CIO when it comes to accepting affiliation of unions.

The New Kensington, Pa. local of the Aluminum Workers had for a long time been in favor of affiliating with the CIO. The majority of the other locals were apparently not yet convinced.

Did the CIO tell the new Kensington local to come out of the AFL alone, and not to wait for the rest of the locals? The CIO did no such thing.

The Whole National Union
It worked on the policy that if the one local came into the CIO and left all the other locals still unaffiliated with the CIO, then there would be complete divorce of the New Kensington local from the rest, with ultimate consequent isolation for it.

The CIO waited until all the locals were ready to affiliate, on a national basis. That's what occurred at the recent convention of the Aluminum Workers Union, and as a result of the sound CIO policy of not taking out single locals while the rest remain in the AFL, the entire industry has gone CIO, and not just a small part of it.

Sit-Down Technique
In the next issue we intend to discuss the strategy and tactics of the sitdown strike, as it was most effectively used in the General Motors and Chrysler strikes.

We will also discuss the applicability of the sitdown to various types of industries.

Why They Win
Right now it would not be amiss to explain why such astounding victories were won by the CIO. United Automobile Workers Union in the big auto plants. Briefly, these main chief reasons are:

The union used, and perfected the sitdown technique, and successfully combined it with the best features of the ordinary walkout strike.

Then General Motors Workers acted a single unit. They were on strike on a wide front, from Flint, Mich., to Norwood, Ohio, yet they were so organized to respond to every critical situation, that Toledo strikers came to Detroit quickly when their aid was needed, etc.

The workers in general in the towns where the sitdowns occurred were so won over by them they would respond from practically nowhere to protect the workers inside the plants.

Women's emergency brigades functioned well.

There was a firm and united CIO leadership behind the strikers.

The craft unions supported the strikers despite orders to the contrary from William Green.

Because of rank and file leadership and marvellous discipline within the plants.

Because of up-to-date progressive methods of struggle—daily demonstrations, and picketing outside the plant; mass publicity through daily bulletins, special newspapers, sound trucks, mass singing of union songs, etc.

Mass Strike Committees
Mass strike committees, based on rank and file representation, with subcommittees to handle every phase inside the plants—relief committees, police patrol committees of the workers, committees to ferret out spies; trial committees of the workers, etc.

And last, but far from least, the strikers did not fail to use the political as well as economic weapon of struggle—when they initiated recall movements against judges who issued injunctions against brutal police chiefs, etc.

URGES FIGHT TO KEEP S. F. 5-CENT FARE
By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO—On the windows of all Market St. Railway Co. street cars are two announcements. One reads: "We have subscribed to a complete union recognition." The other reads: "A Fair Fare for a Fair Wage."

This is nothing but a "smart" way of telling the street car riders that they should pay for the raise the workers have obtained in wages and also pave the way for a seven-cent fare, which means a 40 per cent increase to the present profit of the company.

In other words, they want to capitalize on the few cents they have raised the workers' wages. And they are trying to blame increased fares on the existence of unions. But they won't get away with it.

Let's organize to keep the five-cent fare to keep union conditions, and to back up the street car men's fight against the one-man car.

SOUTHERN CAL. RAILWAY UNIONS GO DOWN THE LINE FOR PLAN TO REFORM THE SUPREME COURT

Attack Reactionaries Because R. R. Unions Have Suffered Much at Hands of the High Court in Recent Years

LOS ANGELES—The Railroad unions in Southern California are going down the line 100 per cent behind the proposals to reform the U. S. Supreme Court.

The railroad unions know only too well the reactionary character of the court, for, among other incidents, the court scotched the original Railway Pension Act which railway labor had so long fought for.

A resolution adopted by delegates from the standard Railroad Brotherhood unions of Southern California, signed by Frank G. Pellett, chairman, and R. B. Thompson, secretary, reads:

Hit Reactionaries
"Whereas, Certain groups, in most instances reactionary, including a large number of newspapers, have attempted to cloud the issue by launching a campaign of 'hands off the Supreme Court,' and 'preserve the integrity and dignity of our courts,' along with the usual vilifications and implications; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the representatives of the Standard Railroad Brotherhoods in Southern California, here assembled, declare in the most emphatic terms their wholehearted support of the program being advanced by our president, and hereby pledge themselves to use every honorable means to mould public opinion to the end that the principles of social justice be recognized as applying to the average citizen; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent the president of the United States, the press and the chief executives of the Standard Railroad Labor organizations."

We request that you meet with our union's elected committee to discuss the above mentioned wages and working conditions," the union wrote canneries companies.

What Canner Union Members Want
STOCKTON—In view of recent strike developments, the scale adopted by the Canner and Agricultural Workers Union here should be of interest to all.

At a special meeting of canner workers the following wage scales and working agreements were adopted:

1. Sixty two and one half cents per hour for men.
2. Fifty cents per hour for women.
3. Seventy cents per hour for skilled labor.

4. Eight hours shall constitute a work day.
5. Six days shall constitute a work week.

6. Time and one half for Sunday or Holiday work.
7. Workers who are called to the job and don't receive employment shall be paid for (1) one hour. Workers who work more than one hour and less than four hours shall receive one half day's pay. Workers who work more than four hours shall receive a full day's pay.

8. That the Agricultural Workers Union shall be recognized as the sole bargaining agency for the canneries workers.

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Tex. Agriculture Committee Set
CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas—Mexican farm hands of Texas have taken the first steps toward improving their conditions by the establishment of a Texas Agricultural Workers Organization Committee.

Mexicans constitute an even more penalized and impoverished group than Negroes. Employment is seasonal and dependent upon the cotton, citrus and truck markets. The great majority live in insanitary, overcrowded hovels which often have no floors. Sixty cents is the average wage for a working day of from 10 to 12 hours.

GREAT STEEL GAINS
PITTSBURGH—In the past month 51 steel companies have signed with the CIO Amalgamated Assn. 35,000 new members joined.

Flood of Requests
Discussing the work of the CIO, he said that a flood of requests are coming in and in increasing numbers. Organizing sentiment, he declared, is growing tremendously.

The United Boot and Shoe Workers, a CIO affiliate, within the last month has secured 23 closed shop agreements and now has a membership in excess of 30,000, he claimed. The Steel Workers Organizing Committee has obtained agreements with 54 companies, covering 330,000 workers, and conferences have been arranged with Jones and Laughlin Youngstown Sheet and Tube and other large independents.

Drive on Phone Companies
The American Radio Telegraphers Assn., with 25 locals and 3000 members, it was announced, has affiliated with the CIO and is conducting an organizing drive in the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies. It is also cooperating with the United Electrical and Radio Workers in a drive on the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., "the world's largest private business enterprise."

Organization of auto workers in the Ford plant is going on rapidly, Lewis said, and "in the fullness of time" the union will ask for recognition. A number of agreements have been reached in the textile industry and the organization campaign is "going forward very satisfactorily."

John L. Lewis recently told the President, he said, that the organizations he represents are convinced that the necessity for reform of the Supreme Court still exists. If the court was still yesterday, he asserted, then obviously it was wrong before.

"Somewhere along the line a great injustice has been done a great mass of the American people. The campaign for passage of the court bill will not be relaxed."

Questioned about attempts of manufacturers to secure compulsory incorporation of unions, Lewis again blasted such efforts. "If the object is to destroy unions," he declared, "that is a good way to destroy them."

"Corporations are formed to limit liability, not to establish it," he went on. Agents provocateur and spies could be introduced into unions and destroy the unions if they were incorporated and the national office made responsible for the acts of some local, Lewis said.